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All eyes on Santa

Children were in awe when Santa Claus made his appearance at the Gooderham Community Centre on Saturday, Dec. 3. This is the 8th annual Gooderham Community Christmas Party. Everyone up to 12-years-old was given a gift and a chance to sit on Santa's lap for a photo. Food sales and money from the 50/50 draw will contribute to the purchase of gifts for next year's party. The event included horse drawn sleigh rides and crafts.

Woman shot

OPP call out reinforcements to help track down gunman

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The sound of a gun shot jolted people awake in the wee hours of Sunday morning as a domestic dispute turned violent.

The Ontario Provincial Police were called at approximately 2:30 a.m. to respond to the gun shot. They discovered that a 40-year-old woman had been shot in the leg in her driveway near Clement Lake Road by her 38-year-old common law partner.

The man left the scene and the woman was taken to Peterborough Regional Health Centre where she was treated. She is now in stable condition and recovering from the gunshot wound to the leg.

Mark McMaster, OPP media relations officer, says an enormous number of resources were pulled from various areas of central Ontario in order to track the suspect. The Tactical Rescue Unit came from Belleville, and the canine unit, City of Kawartha Lakes/Haliburton crime unit, emergency response unit were all sent to the Wilberforce area and the helicopter based in Lindsay was also brought in to conduct an aerial search. McMaster says that because of the time required to get the various units in place the suspect was not arrested until late Sunday afternoon.

The man was located in the Tory Hill area on Lees Road. He was taken into custody pending a bail hearing Monday morning at the Lindsay Provincial Court.

The man has been charged with aggravated assault and numerous firearms offences. McMaster says that the bail hearing resulted in the man's remaining in police custody.

'Friends' struggle with future

Role of Frost Centre's support group up in the air

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When the provincial government closed the Frost Centre in July, it cut the heart and soul out of a group of volunteers who had come together to enhance the services provided by the natural resources facility.

The Friends of the Frost Centre had enough time only to empty the contents of its gift shop before the questions started. What was their role now? Should they disband? Should they divert their attention to compiling the history of the Frost Centre?

Today it's not only the Friends who are asking these questions. The new Frost Centre Working Committee is wondering what role the Friends will play if the committee can come up with a viable business plan to re-open the Frost.

However, committee members are also skating delicately around the way they want to express their interest in the Friends. They don't want to make it sound as if the Friends will one day be responsible for the Frost but they also want the Friends to consider that as an option. Of considerable interest is the Friends' charitable status.

"At the end of the day we need an entity that can be responsible," said committee member Ken Veitch at Wednesday's working committee meeting. "Will the Friends work out to be that entity? We need to have some entity to base our business plan on."

"I wouldn't want to imply this is the only option but it is an option that's here," said committee member Brian Desbiens. "We want to look at what the best practices are in Ontario and Canada and North America [before making a decision]."

There are currently six Friends' board members willing to stay on, with five more people expressing interest in joining the nine-member board. While praising them, Desbiens said "we might need some other skill sets, such as legal, accounting and financial" if the Friends are to play a larger role. "The more people you can get to make it a viable operation the better we are in the long term."

Committee member Margaret Casey said "We need to respect the organization. We see potential in them but that might not be what they want. They have the potential of being a beneficial organization for us. We find the Friends very attractive but we cannot presume to use someone else's charitable status."

Committee member Greg Walling said "There will be a time when people have to step up to the plate, too, or it won't work. A couple of us have an idea [of the Friends' role] but when do we convey what that might be? At one point they

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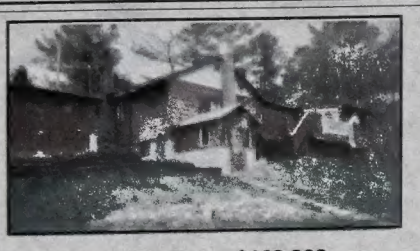
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news and events worth noting

Learn about a few timely strategies and natural remedies to help prevent and effectively treat common illnesses that arrive with winter. Naturopath Gord Smith will discuss the potential health benefits of various foods, nutrients and herbal compounds at the Lounge Café in Carnarvon on Wednesday, December 8 from 7 to 8 p.m.. The admission fee is a donation to the local food bank.

People who are keen on local politics take note: the county's meeting on the draft budget for 2005 has been rescheduled from Tuesday, December 7. It will now be on Monday, December 20 starting at 9:30 a.m.. The meeting is open to the public.

Whoopsie! Last week's editorial gave the credit for organizing the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade to the Lions Club only. Parade chairman David Howe let us know that the Haliburton BIA also plays an instrumental role in bringing the magic of Christmas alive for local children. As well, Haliburton Chiropractic sponsored the photo session with Santa to make sure that the magic can last a lifetime. The generosity of these community-minded partners is part of what makes Haliburton such a terrific place to live.

If you missed last week's Messiah Choir you might want to rush down to George Street United Church to hear the Peterborough Singers' rendition of Handel's Messiah on December 14 at 7:30 p.m.. The concert, directed by Sydney Birrell, features soprano Sally Dibblee, alto Marianne Bindig, tenor Peter Blanchet, bass Fr. Paul Massel and organist Ian Sadler. Call 705-745-1820 for details.

DARREN LUM/Echo

Helping words: Wilberforce Elementary School students (left to right and front to back) Katherine Lawr, Eryn Solmes, Matt Hunter, Harley Drain, Cody Whitefield, and Isaac Drain show off the school's new dictionaries. Principal Birdie Murphy is proud of her 80 dictionaries, supplying nearly every student with a Canadian Oxford dictionary to use for the school year. There are five different dictionaries, including three primary levels that were raised through various school fundraisers last year. The school appreciates support from Haliburton Lions Club, and the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion.

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On that note I would like to wish them all as well as their families, a safe and happy Christmas...and to you Tina - a very special thanks for your support.

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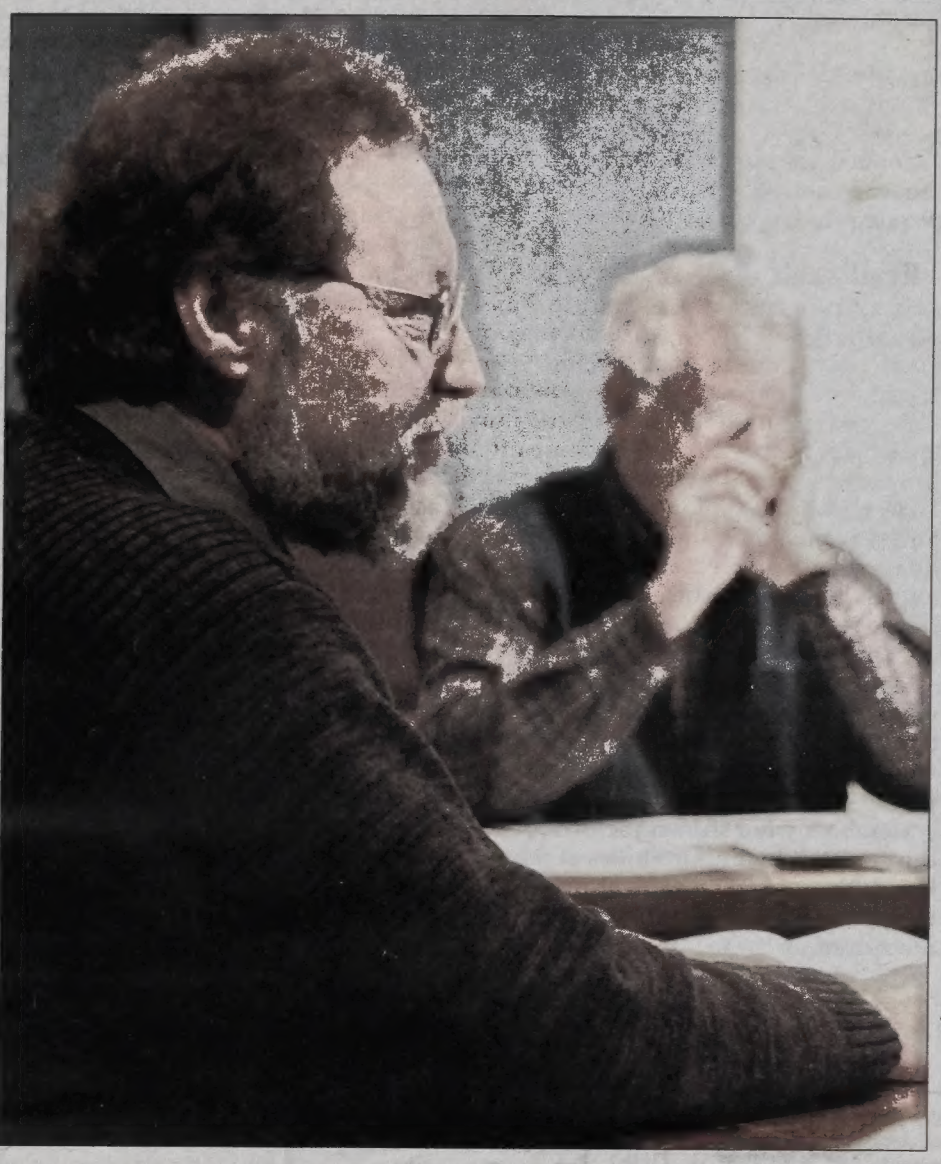

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Barrie Martin, above, former supervisor at the Leslie M. Frost Centre, talks to members of the working committee. That's Ken Veitch in the background. In the photo, below right, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Greg Walling confer.

Frost group posts job

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Daunted by how much work lies ahead, the Frost Centre Working Committee has made hiring a staff resource worker to help them an immediate priority.

They hope to immediately advertise for a facilitator (the ad is in this issue of the *Echo*), receive all applications by Dec. 17 and then have a conference call three days before Christmas to go over the candidates. Early in the new year the facilitator could then start researching the various groups and funding models that will help the committee find a way to re-open the Frost Centre.

"We need staff to take these leads [on potential partners] so we can get a handle on some of these models, otherwise we're just shot-gunning," said Brian Desbiens at Wednesday's meeting in Minden. Eleanor Harrison agreed, saying, "This person should be able to talk to, say, Joe Blow and tell us 'I don't think they're a fit but I was talking to this person who ...,'"

When Gerry Phillips, chairman of the province's management board, appointed the volunteer committee to come up with a viable business plan to re-open the former Ministry of Natural Resources training and education facility, he gave the group $25,000. Part of this money will be spent on the facilitator's wages.

County CAO Jim Wilson will draft a brief job description and have it approved by the members via e-mail by the end of the week.

Since its inception three months ago, the committee has stressed that the members want to "think outside the box." Their goal is not to simply re-incarnate the Frost Centre as it was. They say that model obviously didn't work because it ran a deficit, making it vulnerable to closure.

"Some people believe in the status quo but it didn't work," Desbiens said. "What we're recommending is change."

However, they also don't believe the MNR's statement that the Frost Centre is no longer viable. Instead, as Margaret Casey said Wednesday, they think the MNR simply decided that running a facility which taught people, by example and instruction, how to properly manage our natural resources was no longer one of its core responsibilities.

"Government in the past 10 years has fundamentally redesigned itself," she said. "The public says there's a need for the Frost Centre but it didn't fit into the cubbyholes that the government had."

But what groups could play a role in taking over the Frost Centre? Will an organization be a partner in management or just contribute by being a customer of its services?

"We want to hear from everyone," said Greg Walling. "There may be a jewel we don't know about. But whatever we do, I don't want to be part of a Band-aid solution. I want it on sound financial footing."

Desbiens agreed, adding a caveat: "It's not sufficient just to be financially viable if [the new working model] doesn't respect its history."

All of the committee members have ideas of which groups may play a role but the committee has less than a year to come up with a plan. That doesn't leave it enough time to listen to each group make a presentation – and that's where the facilitator will come in.

The facilitator will do the preliminary searches for potential partners, analyze them and then report to the committee.

Desbiens also wanted the job to include investigating different funding models. There is, for instance, a similar facility in Wisconsin which is partly funded through the fines meted out by conservation officers – conservation officers who were trained at the facility.

Friends' role uncertain

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have to know what we're thinking."

"I think it's too early to know what the options are," Desbiens said.

Walling added that "They need to know they have caught our interest and they can step up to the plate."

Barrie Martin, a former Frost Centre employee, was representing the Friends' Ross Rabjohn at the meeting. He said that there has been initial interest in keeping the Friends alive and that an annual general meeting is being planned for early in the new year.

There have already been preliminary discussions about keeping the organization alive, primarily as a way of making sure that the story of the Centre's proud past is told.

"They may be more interested in celebrating the past than the future," Martin said.

Martin said there has been talk of merging the Friends with Perma-Frost, the volunteer group that's lobbying the government to re-open the Frost, but it was decided that the two groups should play separate roles and remain separate.

Lights judged this week

If it's freezing rain outside it must be time to judge the annual Christmas Lights contest!

Seriously, weather will play an important factor in when the contest entries will be looked at. Our judges had planned on doing the judging this week, during the evening. And if the weather improves that's exactly what will happen.

Entrants are advised to have their lights on every night this week, from 5 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. If the weather is foul, you can pretty much be assured that the judges won't foray into the Highlands' night. If the roads look good, then the judges will be out doing what they do best.

If every night this week is nasty, the judges will have to do the judging next week. If that's the case, look for an article in this Friday's *Times* for an explanation.

Flu clinic use rises 60 per cent Haliburton County

Haliburton County Warden Bill Davis finishes term

MARTHA PERKINS

Special to the Echo

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Warden's farewell

At his last county council meeting as warden, Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said that although it was a "rollercoaster" year, the county can be proud of the work done by its competent politicians and staff.

"Things have gone a lot smoother than I expected," he told his fellow county councillors. He thanked them for their endurance, saying that at times he was "over-challenged", but the hard work of everyone at the county made it possible for him to fulfill a promise to himself to become warden.

Roads budget

The roads department will probably have a deficit but if the snow continues to hold off it may not be as high as expected.

"We're shooting for two per cent but it might be better," operations manager Doug Ray said. "We were over in construction but we're hoping to make up for it in maintenance. It's been an easy start to winter."

2005 budget

County council will meet on December 7 at 1:30 p.m. to go over the preliminary budget for 2005. It hopes to pass the final version in January.

911 maps

In the spring, lake association newsletters will be stressing that ratepayers should be using their new 911 road names. Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney said it would be helpful if the newsletter could include the new 911 maps.

CAO Jim Wilson said that, until now, the focus has been on getting 911 up and running. Next spring the county will have time to come up with a protocol for sharing the maps and any costs involved.

Warden Bill Davis said there might be a problem with the new privacy rules because the maps have addresses on them.

Rigney said lake associations usually have permission to print directories in their newsletters.

Provincial funding

If the province were no longer to provide funding to municipalities through the Community Reinvestment Fund, taxpayers would see a 43 per cent increase to their tax rate.

The fund was implemented in 1998 to help offset the costs of provincial downloading. One example: CRF offsets the costs of policing by the Ontario Provincial Police with the first $90 per household being borne by the county.

It is now undergoing a review process.

Council supported a resolution from the Township of Augusta to lobby the province to leave the CRF as it is.

Health unit

Sixty per cent more people have attended this year's flu clinics in Haliburton County than did last year, Highlands East Reeve Keith Tallman reported. The vaccination program "has been successful but of course it's free so why wouldn't it be?"

He said a delegation from Kawartha Lakes went home unhappy when the health unit denied their request to impose a ban on pesticides.

Enduro bikes

In the Rail Trail committee minutes, it was noted that Pam Marsales' motion to ban Enduro bikes on the rail trail was not seconded and therefore did not pass.

Members were shown pictures of the dust created by Enduro bikes at a function in August. They were also told that these dirt bikes discouraged non-motorized use of the trail.

Children's Water Festival

A series of activities designed to teach children how to protect and preserve our water resources has received $25,000 from the Trillium Foundation to help pay for capital costs.

The festival, originally planned for the Frost Centre in September, had to be postponed when the province closed the Centre in July. It has been rescheduled to three days in September 2005 at the Kinark Outdoor Centre north of Minden.

The money is to help pay for projects such as the construction of outdoor activity centres. More volunteers are needed to help with the planning.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked why the festival was being held at the Kinark Outdoor Centre, which is out of the way. The location will make it harder to attract donations from Haliburton businesses. He suggested holding it at the Haliburton fish hatchery.

Adam Barkovitz, who's helping to organize the festival, says that because the festival is for all students who attend schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Kinark is a central location. Trillium Lakelands includes Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County and Musoka.

County of Haliburton

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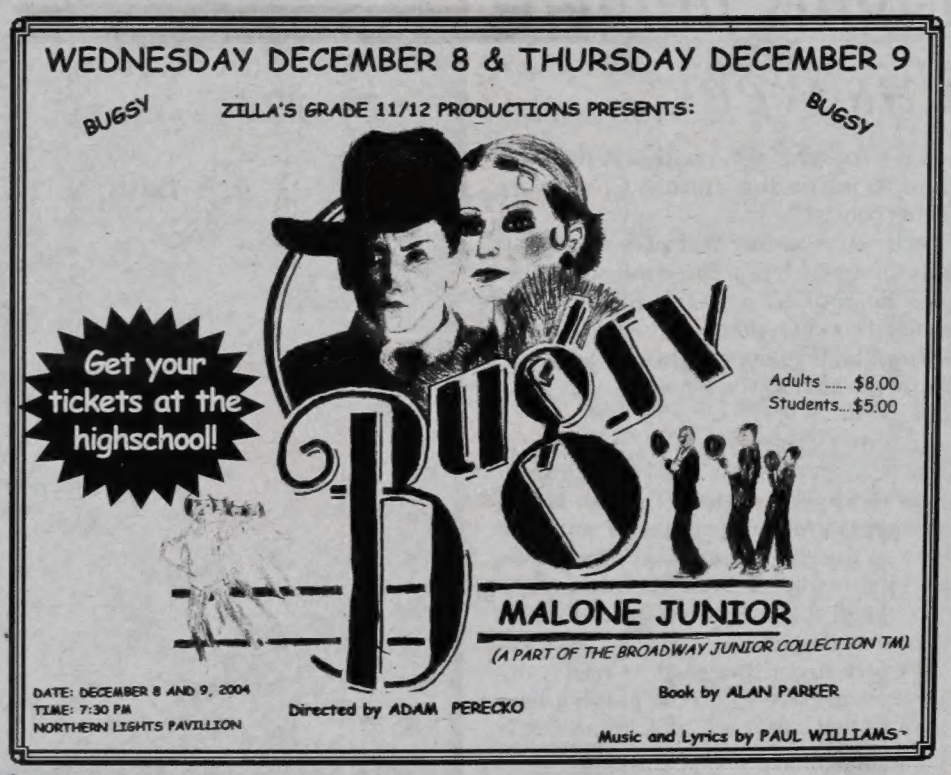

Finding "Dubya"

West Guilford residents protest US president's visit

MARGARET MILNE

Special to the Echo

NATALIE MANDIC/OSPREY MEDIA GROUP

Doves signifying peace are carried by protesters through downtown Ottawa Tuesday. The demonstration resulted from American President George W. Bush's first official visit to Canada

November 30 in our capital city was an unusually mild day. My husband Jim and I had risen early to make our way to Ottawa for demonstrations on the occasion of President Bush's visit there. We wanted to let the Canadian government know that citizens are uneasy about the American government's international intentions. Jim's brother has served with the Christian Peacemakers in Iraq. For me, the big worry was the proposed militarization of space.

We wondered whether the demonstrations would remain peaceful. However, our closest brush with the law came not from the protests but from accidentally setting off our son's house alarm when we arrived!

Jim and I went by city bus to the noon-hour rally at Confederation Park. The television networks had crews there. Ottawa has a huge student population and the crowd was predominantly young. We also met many from Montreal and Toronto. A crowd of several thousand assembled, and heard a few speeches.

We then began to parade through the downtown streets. I walked close to a banner that read, "Do weapons in space really make you feel safer?" On a more light-hearted note, one young man waved a sign at people watching from office windows. His sign said, "Get to work". As we walked, we met more middle-aged and older people.

Jim and I took a break for lunch at McDonald's. The restaurant was boarded up, apparently in anticipation of trouble. McDonald's had been a target of violence during international trade meetings.

By five o'clock it was dark. Demonstrators on Parliament Hill held lit candles. The faces in the crowd looked beautiful in the candlelight. People of all ages from across Canada listened as several speeches were made from the steps of the Parliament buildings.

Many participants then left to catch buses to Toronto and Montreal. The rest of us headed west to the Bronson Ave. bridge to cross the river to Hull and approach the Museum of Civilization where Bush was to arrive for dinner.

There was some trouble in front of the museum. The barricades were down when we arrived. I heard a policeman report on his phone that there had been an "altercation." They were just waiting to see what would happen.

Little did happen. The crowd was mostly peaceful and growing tired from all the walking. People began to break off from the crowd and to head back to Ottawa. The two helicopters that had been flying overhead all day were still observing us from above.

Among the signs I saw that day were many protesting American interference in other nations. "The last time we listened to a Bush, we wandered in the desert for forty years." "When Bush comes to shove, resist." "Regime change begins at home." And for the historically literate, one sign read, "King George's tyranny must end," and featured a picture of Bush, of course.

Many, many signs referred to the war in Iraq and the so-called war on terror. "War starts with dubya." "Al Qaeda recruiter of the year," again with Bush's picture.

There were many personal attacks on Bush on the signs, and some were quite crude. Among the cleaner and cleverer were the following. "If you can't pronounce it, don't bomb it." "You're a mean one, Mr. Bush." "Stop Mad Cowboy disease." "Environment 101: Good Bush, Bad Bush" with drawings and descriptions.

The wordiest message that I saw displayed a long quote from Theodore Roosevelt. This sign stated that unquestioning support for a president is "not only unpatriotic and servile, but morally treasonable."

Right on, Theodore. That goes for Prime Ministers, too.

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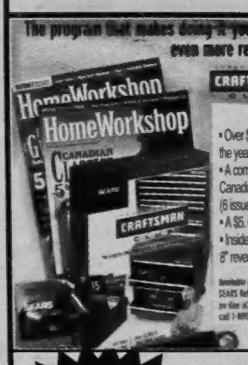

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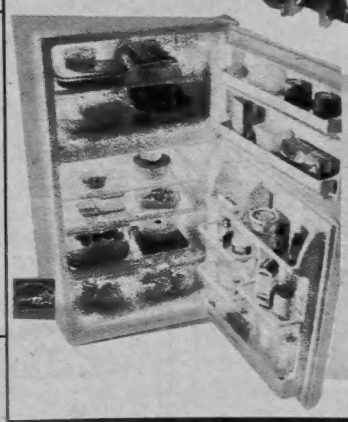

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It's time to move on

If Haliburton County council approves a one-time property tax levy to pay off the outstanding local debt for health care facility expansion, as seems likely, the decision is bound to be controversial. Few taxpayers will be happy with the extra costs they'll face. Thousands of local people and businesses who have supported the project with donations over the years, will be forced to give a good deal more. If the levy is applied to commercial property as well as residential, the sense of unfairness will be magnified. Many local businesses have made substantial commitments to support the projects, even though they are not, in fact, health care system users. Businesses have donated because owners understood the critical importance of improved health care facilities to the area's economic future. Those same owners also have supported many of the fund-raising events the Health Services Foundation, such as the annual charity golf tournament, the gala dinner and dance, and other events. And, too, many business owners have supported the Foundation's efforts with their personal dollars.

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A sense of unfairness may also be felt by local residents and cottagers who have backed the project with personal donations. Like businesses, many have given much, and they'll be forced to give again.

Despite these obvious inequities, it is hard to argue that council should not impose a levy to retire the capital debt. The county has paid almost $400,000 in interest to date on the money it loaned the Foundation to ensure that the expansion of Haliburton hospital and the updating of emergency facilities in Minden could be undertaken. That interest expense has been funded with tax dollars that could otherwise not have been levied, or that could have been spent on other projects to benefit the wider community.

For some time now, the community has felt and increasing sense of what might be described as 'donor fatigue.' Frankly, many people have grown tired of the constant focus on raising funds for the hospital projects. As the community's biggest and most important priority, it consumed a large proportion of charitable donations, including $250,000 from the Rotary Club of Haliburton, and lesser but nonetheless substantial amounts from many other local organizations and groups. As a result, other projects have been set aside or scaled back, despite their worthiness. By paying off the outstanding debt, county council will enable the community to move forward.

If fairness had been the first priority of politicians and the wider community, the local share of the projects could have been financed through a multi-year residential property tax levy. This would have shared the burden equitably among the vast majority of potential users of local health care facilities. It also would have eliminated the huge drag on the community's charitable resources that the fund raising campaign has represented. Many other worthwhile local projects could have been supported. And hundreds of thousands of dollars in donated money that have been spent to meet operating costs of the health services foundation, could have been saved.

The decision to undertake a fund-raising campaign cannot be criticized. Those who backed the idea believed in the community's generosity, and their judgement was correct. Collectively, the community has given more than $4.5 million to the projects so far. The levy will add another $1 million to those donations.

Clearly, it's time to move on. The levy may not be welcomed, but it is justified.

Haliburton in winter dress *Photo by* DARREN LUM/ECHO

Ice hut fantasies

the not so great outdoorsman

steve galea

With winter just around the corner it's not too early to think about building an ice hut. Of course, when a sportsman says ice hut he's not just talking about a simple insulated box to fish from. No, he's actually envisioning a luxurious houseboat with several holes in the floor, as well as a game room and perhaps a grotto filled with Playmates each of whom possesses a serious interest in ice fishing - much like Hef has in the Playboy mansion.

A Jacuzzi, satellite dish, running water, flush toilet, shag carpet, sleeping loft, big screen television, walk in fridge, and its own nuclear powered electrical generating station are also not ruled out during the initial design stages. In the end, however, most sportsmen understand that this is not very realistic - I mean where the heck would you get shag carpet these days.

My son and I are constantly planning ice huts at our secret outdoors research facility, hereby known as my office. Ryan and I understand that this might be our last refuge in the event of a tactical nuclear strike on our tool shed while the women folk are gone on a daylong shopping excursion. Not that we are planning one....

Ryan and I understand that the ice hut might bē our last refuge in the event of a tactical nuclear strike on our tool shed while the women folk are gone on a day-long shopping excursion.

Still, it's comforting to know that should a two-megaton bomb turn the shed and our cruel collection of snow shovels and gardening implements, including that cursed wheelbarrow, into a crater that produces glow in the dark earth worms the size of your arm, a boy and his father could just sit back and watch the mushroom cloud from their ice bunker, I mean hut, at the lake down the road. Not that we've given this much thought.

The problem with any ice hut, however, is mobility. This is what allows the angler to follow the fish as they stage at different parts of the lake. It also permits him to lie low for a while so he doesn't have to clean up the front yard or identify the sorry, twisted remains of a cursed wheelbarrow. Should such an event occur, I mean...

An angler needs to be able to move his ice hut at a moment's notice with a snowmobile or ATV or even makeshift sail if the wind is right. This will help keep him one step ahead of questioning. But since Ryan and I do not own any such vehicles, we need to make our hut light enough to push to the lake but heavy enough not to be blown away by the gale force winds of say, oh a small tactical nuclear explosion on a shed. Again, not that we have considered this possibility...

With a little bit of effort though, this mobility problem can beaten. As in all outdoor sports, the trick is not to make the back-breaking effort your effort. That's why every ice angler should keep a good buddy who is still paying for a full-sized truck, ATV and snowmobile. This tried and true friend should be only too eager to put his new vehicle to man's work - if only to justify buying it. In return, proper ice fishing etiquette dictates that you should invite him to fish near your hut and maybe even permit him to stick his head inside the door so that he might ask the score of the game once in a while. It's the least you could do.

Oh, and you might share your bait with him bait too. After all, the earthworms are the size of your arm....

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Nice weather, eh?

sharon lynch

road

MARNIE TRUDGED FORWARD, the driving snow hitting her full in the face as she tried to maneouver over mounds of dirt, skirting bits of lumber. Her balance was a little off because her arms were wrapped around a load of firewood. She was headed for the enclosed porch where a large and tidy wood box waited to be filled.

It had started snowing about twenty minutes ago, at first hesitantly but quickly gathering purpose until now the air was dense and softened by white precipitation. This was not the dry snow of deep winter, soft and lightly full of air. This was the wet snow of early December; the snow that can quickly turn to rain and clog streets and skid cars off the highway in a blink. This was like Toronto snow.

Marnie's jeans were wet from the knees down, her old jacket streaked with mud from the mix of firewood grime and snow. The back of her neck was damp and what she really wanted was a hot cup of tea. But this was her day for replenishing the wood box and if she didn't do it now, she'd be trying to find her way through the dark tonight and cursing herself for having no dry wood for the fire.

The dirt and lumber strewn across her yard was because the contractor she had hired had started digging the foundation to her addition today. He was racing the weather, having to put in the concrete footings before winter truly planted itself for the long haul. Like old time sailors scanning the sea and skies, he and Marnie had been watching the forecasts for the past week, knowing they would soon be out of time if all the pieces needed to finance the project didn't fall into place quickly. They had and so work began immediately.

Being born and raised in rural Ontario engendered a certain confident competence when dealing with winter, Marnie thought.

Not a minute too soon, thought Marnie, mindful not to slip into the six foot trench now extending behind her house. If only the snow had held off; but at least the temperature had risen. The night before when she had walked her dog, they had shivered through minus fifteen degrees but miraculously overnight the temperature had risen to a balmy minus two. Perhaps only a Canadian would appreciate such a thing.

As she was coming through the porch door, Marnie heard the ringing and quickly threw the wood down before going for the phone. It was her daughter, calling on her cell phone on route from Toronto. Her cheery voice had a tinny quality as she asked how the weather was in Haliburton. Marnie told her the snow was picking up even as they spoke. Her daughter had just pulled off the Don Valley Parkway and announced there was no snow where she was. She didn't seem perturbed about heading into a possible snow storm. Having four new snow tires, her favourite CD's and all day if need be to make the trek home, she continued to chat merrily as Marnie stood by the wall phone, glad to be inside for the moment. Being born and raised in rural Ontario engendered a certain confident competence when dealing with winter, Marnie thought.

Later, having decided to take a break and make herself that cup of tea, she reflected on how typically Canadian it was to seemingly move between seasons as you travelled. In Ontario, living by the Great Lakes, be it Toronto or Thunder Bay, tended to give one a false sense of climatic moderation. But travel an hour or so inland and you came smack into the reality of where you lived: a place where winter frequently lasted five months of the year. Personally, Marnie preferred the more inland brand of winter. If it was going to be winter, then let it be a real winter, was her philosphy.

And she found she was not the only one with this viewpoint. Just this week, both her nieghbour and a store clerk had commented on the beauty of the newly snow-covered landscape. A co-worker had also remarked he'd take snow over rain any time.

For Marnie, the main thing was to get over the next week or two; just long enough to have her foundation poured. That meant mild temperatures and no rain. However, if that didn't happen, so that winter stopped teasing and settled in, well she and the contractor would deal with it. After all, this was Canada and they were Canadians. It took more than a little weather to defeat them!

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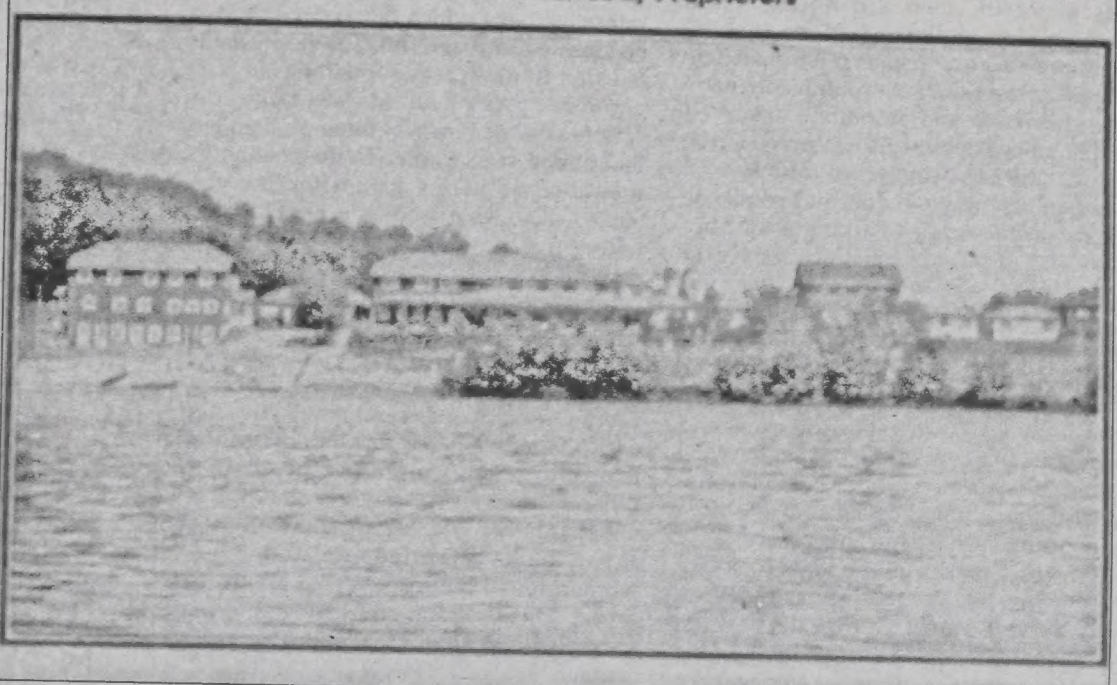

pic *of the* past

This bit of Highlands history is in the form of an envelope, printed up by the Wig-A-Mog Inn some 60 years ago. It was sent to *The Echo* from Doreen Gibson (nee Wood) who now lives in Courtenay, British Columbia. "I worked at the inn when Mervyn and Holly Robertson owned it. This might be an interesting Pic of the Past," she wrote. Indeed, the envelope does make an interesting feature. It's not often, these days, that you see an envelope used for advertising.

letters to the editor

Do our youth really remember?

We at the Legion thank everyone who took time on November 11th, to remember our fallen Comrades, whether it was just to wear a Poppy or attend the service at the Cenotaph. No matter how or why, we all have reason to remember and be thankful for the sacrifices made by a generation of young people who fought for our freedom so many years ago.

It was during the Remembrance Service at JD Hodgson Elementary School that I stood before the assembled students and looked at the mass of young faces and wondered "Do they really know the meaning of "Remembrance"? Do they really understand why they wear a Poppy and recite the poem Flanders Fields?

How can they possibly remember? They weren't there. Indeed, not even their parents were there, so why should they be expected to remember a war that happened 50 years before they were born?

This past week a group of had the task of judging 133 posters, poems and essays, painted or written by these same young people in the Legion contests. From what we saw and read it became quite apparent that for the young, one does not have to "be there" to understand the meaning of the tragedy of war.

Every day they see violence and war on their TV screens; they see Canadian troops in Afghanistan, Canadian ships in the Gulf ... many have seen the graphic scenes of Stephen Spielberg's film "Saving Private Ryan". That's enough for these young people to get the message that freedom comes at a price. a price which we hope they will never be asked to pay.

Some wrote about the deeds of their grandfathers', others painted scenes of war graves with poppies around the crosses. To them it is all hearsay; they weren't there – but yes, in wearing the Poppy and attending a Service of Remembrance, they showed respect for what others did, to give them the freedom that they, and we, take for granted today. I wonder, as adults, did we too show respect!

All of the students that participated in the Legion contests are to be congratulated. Winning a prize is commendable, but the real prize is just knowing that you care to "Remember".

Brian Hambly,
Youth Education Chairman,
Branch 129, Royal Canadian legion,
Haliburton, Ont.

Galea column 'distasteful'

To the Editor:

In reference to "Talking about big rack" by "the not so great" Steve Galea, in Tuesday, November 23's paper.

I am an 18-year-old woman living in this very

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur

Writer makes women 'objects'

from page 7

peaceful town of Haliburton. However, this peaceful town did not look too appealing last week when to my surprise there was a very "chauvinistic" article printed in the *Echo*. I was outraged when I read the article and absolutely disgusted that someone would write such a piece and that the *Echo* would then print it.

Just in case anyone does not recall the article it was titled "Talking about big racks". The title alone is absurd. The article begins by stating how great racks are and how magazines, videos, websites and red-blooded men are devoted to them. It continues with plenty of innuendoes throughout the article demeaning women, many of which were implicitly sexual and disgusting in nature. I can not get over the article. It is so incredibly sexist and distasteful that I am shocked that the *Echo* would print such a demeaning piece.

The writer makes us WOMEN look like objects, not people. It strips away every right we have fought for over the past 100 years. That one article written by that one man, is probably the most derogatory public literature I have ever seen. The worst part of all is that the article is written with a sense of humor, as if objectifying women is funny. Now I did my research before I wrote this letter and spoke to many different men or hunters rather. None of which found the article to be amusing or respectful. Yes, they admitted that hunting was something they all got very excited over and the bigger the rack the better, however none of them felt that objectifying women in this manner is tolerable. So here's a question for you Steve Galea, what were you thinking and where was the editor of our renowned newspaper?

"On October 18, 1929, Lord Sankey, Lord Chancellor of the Privy Council, announced the British Privy Council decision that "yes, women are persons." The Privy Council decision also said "that the exclusion of women from all public offices is a relic of days more barbarous than ours."

Apparently those day are still with us!

You have offended me and every woman that I have spoken to about the article. This is sexual harassment and our society should not acccept such barbarous actions!

Jenna Wilcox
Haliburton, Ontario

Haliburton parade, Santa float, worthy of praise

To the Editor:

I have been marching in Santa Clause parades for more than 60 years and I must say I have never witnessed such an improvement in one town's parade as I have seen in Haliburton in the pat two years. Credit must be given to David Howe and his experience in organizing these most successful occasions.

The Santa float this year was the best I have ever seen in any town with the exception of Toronto. Credit for this must go to Sam Charlton, Jim Meadows, Ken Noble, Ernie, Winterburn and the Haliburton Lions Club as this is a magnificent display of craftsmanship and they certainly deserve our accolades.

Bill Medland, Bandmaster,
Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes

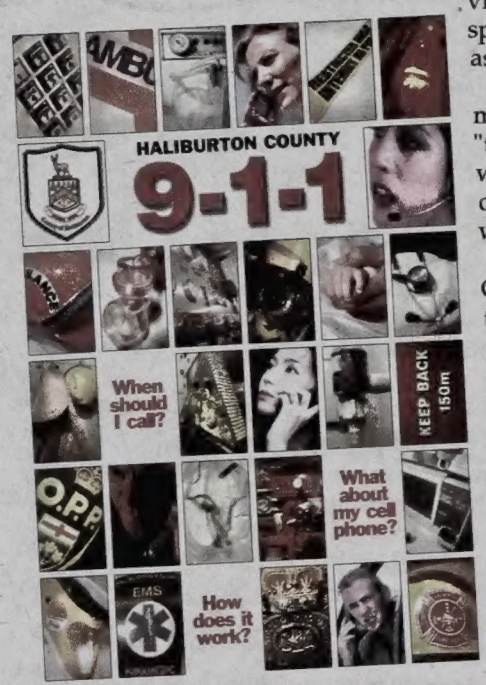
Don't 'test' 911,OPP ask

Responding would put huge burden on police

To the Editor:

I would like to put a police perspective on the introduction of the County 911 system that will be put in place on Dec 10, 2004.

This system will be of great assistance to our officers and other emergency services within the County. It will give us a specific location and directions which will assist us in responding to emergencies.



This 911 booklet , produced by The Echo and The Times on behalf of Haliburton County, will sooon be distributed to property owners

Another area that I would like to comment on, is in regards to people trying to "test the system". In other jurisdictions when 911 was first implemented, numerous 911 calls were received by citizens wishing to" test the system".

We need the citizens of Haliburton County to resist the temptation of testing the system. Responding to false 911 calls places a tremendous additional burden on the members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Members of the public should be aware that if they dial 911 and hang up when the operator answers or say they were testing the system, the OPP must send at least two officers to confirm that no emergency exists. The officers have no way of knowing whether it was a test, prank or a real emergency where the caller was not able to speak. The officer's have to attend the address and ascertain for themselves whether or not an emergency is occurring.

Members of the public wishing to confirm their 911 information is correct should contact the 911 project at the Haliburton County Building in Minden, 705-286-2306 or email them at *911@county.haliburton.on.ca*.

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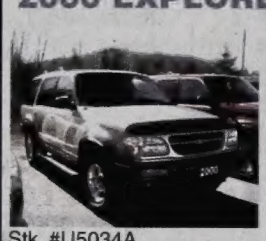
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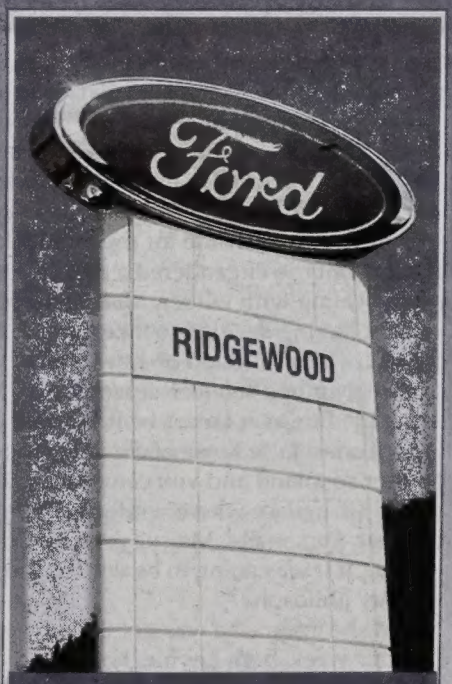

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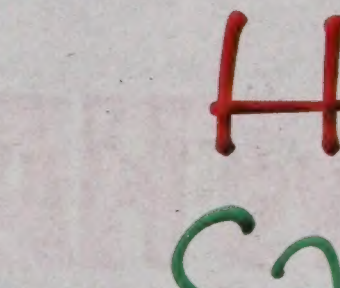

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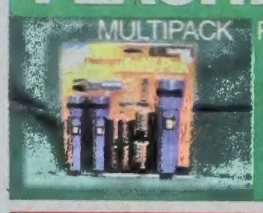

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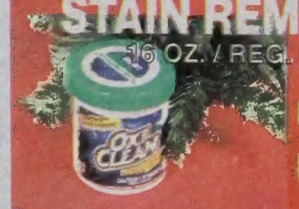

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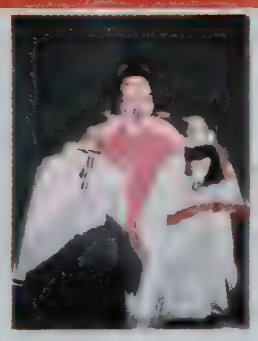

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Scintillating start for Red Hawks

18 top-four placings earned

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

The HHSS wrestling team launched their 2004-2005 season covering their opponents with a blaze of red in their wake at the Kenner Collegiate wrestling tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

At their first tournament of the year, one of the biggest competitions of the year, the Red Hawks earned 18 top-four placings out of the 44 participants: one gold medal, six silver medals, five bronze medals and six fourth-place finishes.

It was difficult to lose last year's OFSAA finalist Melanie Howitt to graduation, who was a role model as well as a strong performer on the mat, but senior Dave Balaski has filled that void.

The coaching staff hopes Howitt, who posted a second place in a recent competition, competing for Brock University will be able to attend a few Red Hawks practices.

New wrestlers to the team are posting impressive results giving the coaching staff optimism for the future.

First year Ginnie Foulds posted an undefeated record, winning gold at the first tournament of the year in Peterborough.

Klose said, "She's got lots of natural ability...it's a long long season to look forward towards good things from her."

On the male side Klose has seen promise from Connor Duhaime who is also in his first year of wrestling.

"There is a lot of praise for the juniors," he said.

Above: On right, Kalem Kyle defends a leg attack in his match.

Left: Ashley Sharpe clutches her opponent, preparing for a throw attempt. Sharpe earned a silver medal.

Photos submitted.

Tournament Results

Special mention goes to senior wrestlers Ashley Sharpe, Adam Loney and Dave Balaski, who wrestled extremely well throughout the entire day. Rookie Wrestlers Colin Ellis, Joe Gallagher, Trevor Guyton, and Rebecca Ide performed very well and show promise as their technique continues to improve.

Gold Medal: Ginny Foulds. This is Ginny's first year of wrestling and she shows great potential in this sport. She won four matches to earn gold.

Silver Medal: Ashley Sharpe, Kaila Grech, Dave Balaski, Jordan Brown, Adam DeCarlo, Joe Gallagher

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Red Hawks gear up with classic tournament

DARREN LUM/Echo

HHSS jr forward Dillon Holmes struggles to get off a shot in the post against St. Peter's Saints. The juniors went winless losing all three games: HHSS 33 - SPSS 38, HHSS 32 - BHS 58, HHSS 45 - FFSS 55.

Jr Red Hawks looking for winning ways

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The HHSS junior boys basketball team used the Red Hawks Classic tournament as a tuneup to this season.

Head Coach Bart Harvey said he was not concerned about the score on the board or the final results of the tournament. This tournament gives everyone on the team a chance to play.

Despite changing entire lines the Red Hawks were still competitive against teams who used many of their starters for the majority of the tournament.

Tournament organizer and HHSS senior boys basketball coach Paul Longo said the junior Red Hawks played strongly despite the winless tournament record.

In the tournament opener the Red Hawks slow start in the first half for the Red Hawks against the St. Peter's Saints could not be made up with a better effort in the second half.

Down six points (14 - 20) at the halftime break the Red Hawks fought tirelessly for loose balls, gaining easy looks at the basket. As hard as they played it wasn't enough since the Saints finished the half with 25 shots, but only completing 28 per cent of the field goals, translating into 14 points. Conversely the Red Hawks had fewer shots, but converted 35 per cent of their field goals, tying the Saints point total.

HHSS forward Kyle Meredith led Red Hawks scoring in this game with 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

The Fenelon Falls Falcons junior team captured the classic tournament with an unbeaten record.

This tournament included teams from Brock High School, Saint Peter's Secondary School and Fenelon Falls.

The team plays their second game against the Falcons at home, following the senior game at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8. HHSS is 1 - 0 this season.

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Red Hawks fly from start

Coach believes HHSS can be one of teams to beat

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The HHSS junior girls volleyball team had a strong showing in their season opening tournament at St. Thomas Aquinas on Dec. 1.

Splitting three of four (two-game sets) matches, the Red Hawks coach likes what she sees in her team.

"I knew they would do well. Their skills are good...I was impressed with what I saw," Head Coach Christie Chester said.

Assisting Chester with coaching duties is student teacher Amy Brandon, who is a Nipissing University student.

She agreed with Chester's assesment and added they appeared to be a "cohesive team".

Brandon is a local that has returned to the area for her teaching placement.

Starting each of their sets with the older lineup, except for Grade 9 Erin Nicholson, the team beat the Fenelon Falls Secondary School 25 - 23, LCVI Spartans 25 - 8, and St. Thomas Aquinas 25 - 18. Although the first year junior lineup weren't able to dublicate the results posted by the second year juniors, they improved with each successive match and even scored 15 points off the strong I.E. Weldon Wildcats.

The strong showing against the Wildcats proves HHSS has the potential to be a top team.

Chester said the difference between the two lineups isn't so much skill as it is experience and execution.

The veterans are mentoring the younger set and are reducing this difference..

The Red Hawks next game will be at a tournament in Barrie on the Dec. 10 -11 weekend.

Silverstick returns to Highlands for Bantam and Midget Storm

Highland Storm SilverStick Schedule
Dec 18/19 2004
Bantam AE and Midget AE

Bantam Division Teams
#1 Highland Storm
#2 Caledonia
#3 Lakefield
#4 Huntsville
#5 New Hamburg
#6 Glanbrook
#7 Fergus
#8 Brighton

Midget Division Teams
#1 Highland Storm
#2 Bracebridge
#3 New Hamburg
#4 Prince Edward County
#5 Mariposa
#6 Ayr
#7 Brighton
#8 Waterford

Saturday game schedule is same for both divisions
Bantam in Haliburton arena and Midget in Minden at S.G. Nesbitt arena

8 a.m #1 vs #2
9 a.m #3 vs #4
10 a.m #5 vs #6
11 a.m #7 vs #8
12 p.m #4 vs #1
1 p.m #2 vs #3
2 p.m #8 vs #5
3 p.m #6 vs #7
4 p.m #1 vs #3
5 p.m #2 vs #4
6 p.m #5 vs #7
7 p.m #6 vs #8

Sunday playoff schedule at the Minden Arena

8 a.m Bantam semi-final
9.30a.m Midget semi-final
11 a.m Bantam semi-final
12.30 p.m Midget semi-final
2 p.m Bantam Championship
3.30 p.m Midget Championship

Note! The top two teams from each pool in each division advanced to the Sunday playoffs.

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Highland Storm Silverstick Schedule
Dec 11/12 2004
Atom AE and PeeWee AE

Atom Division Teams
#1 Highland Storm
#2 Ennismore
#3 Lakefield
#4 Belleville
#5 Acton
#6 Mount Forest
#7 Lincoln
#8 Lindsay

PeeWee Division Teams
#1 Highland Storm
#2 Ennismore
#3 Lakefield
#4 Belleville
#5 Napanee
#6 Tillsonberg
#7 Elmvale
#8 Lindsay

Saturday Game Schedule same for both Divisions
Atom in Haliburton Arena and PeeWee in Minden at S.G. Nesbitt Arena

8 a.m #1 vs #2
9 a.m #3 vs #4
10 a.m #5 vs #6
11 a.m #7 vs #8
12 p.m #4 vs #1
1 p.m #2 vs #3
2 p.m #8 vs #5
3 p.m #6 vs #7
4 p.m #1 vs #3
5 p.m #2 vs #4
6 p.m #5 vs #7
7 p.m #6 vs #8

Sunday Playoff Schedule at the Haliburton Arena

8 a.m Atom Semi-final
9.30 a.m PeeWee Semi-final
11 a.m Atom Semi-final
12.30 p.m PeeWee Semi-final
2 p.m Atom Championship
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HHSS guard Kieran Gillooly starts a fast break against Brock in their second tournament game. Results: HHSS 45 - SPSS 55, HHSS 44 - BHS 58, HHSS 31 - FFSS 65

Tournament a lesson for season

Red Hawks winless in hosted tournament

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Kicking off the HHSS senior boys' basketball 2004-2005 campaign was the Red Hawks Classic tournament.

Although winless through three games, head coach Paul Longo used the tournament to assess his team's strengths and weaknesses.

"We couldn't handle the size and the speed," Longo said. "A lot of new seniors are still learning how to play at the senior speed," he said. He added that the entire team must still work on defensive responsibilities and pulling down rebounds.

Through the team's first two games, however, the offense was clicking, according to the coach. It was evident with more than 40 points scored in each of them against big and fast teams such as the St. Peter's Saints and Brock.

Erasing the results of the first quarter against Brock the Red Hawks might have come away with a win.

Despite a strong comeback that fell short the Red Hawks were unable to overcome an 18-point deficit (12 - 30).

Outscoring Brock 17 points to eleven the Red Hawks narrowed the gap to nine points in the third quarter. They kept the pressure on, shutting down passing lanes and making good on scoring chances. They were within five points with under five minutes left in the game when Red Hawks' point guard Conrad Flatman sank both free throw attempts. HHSS fell behind Brock by nine points with 1:31 left in the game, but climbed back when Flatman sank a three-pointer to bring the team back to within six points, reenergizing the home crowd.

Longo attributes the turnaround to the change in strategy and a better focus by the team in the second half.

HHSS started with a full court press, but changed to a half court press (1-2-2 formation) that involved the front three more, combating the size difference with the speed and quickness of his team members.

Flatman led Red Hawks' scoring with 20 points while forward Josh Warburton pulled down four rebounds.

Longo said that since the Red Hawks have a small team the scoring strategy this season will be on fast breaks and keeping the tempo high.

The Fenelon Falls Falcons took the round-robin tournament with a 2 - 1 record (gaining the edge through points for and against).

The team's next game is at home against the Falcons with tip-off at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8.

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Red Hawks rout Rams

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 8
KSS 0

Six games into the season the Red Hawks' hockey team continues its winning ways.

HHSS beat the Kenner Rams 8 - 0 in Evinrude, Peterborough, winning their fifth game of the regular season. This comes after a strong second-place showing at the Fenelon Falls tournament on the weekend.

Head coach Ron Yake believes much of the success is owed to the defense. He has seen a marked improvement, most notably with their control and confidence.

"That control is leading to some good breakouts, neutral zone turnovers and plays which help generate scoring opportunities," Yake said. "The defense is starting to play better together. The tournament helped that and they showed that in this game against Kenner—the amount of puck control they had and their confidence."

The two veteran forward lines (centre Matt Roberts with wingers Sean Keaney and Kevin Walker and centre Jesse Johnson with wingers Justin Abbs and Jonathon Sharpley) accounted for the bulk of the offense.

Both lines were on the ice for seven of the eight goals scored in the game. Yake points out that his younger line with Travis Walker, Zach Joanu and Jordan Joanu are equally capable.

"They do their thing also. They generate lots of scoring opportunities. With a little luck they would have scored three or four goals that game also," he said. "They played well. I feel confident with any of those three lines on the ice at any time."

Johnson led all scorers with five in the game while Keaney added two and Walker scored one early in the game.

Red Hawks' centre Jesse Johnson started the scoring early in the first period with an unassisted goal that turned out to be the game winner.

"It just seemed the puck was going into the net. Certainly for Jesse it was just one of those games when the puck goes in the net for you," he said.

He noted that Johnson had only seven shots in the entire game.

HHSS goalie Mike Lennox posted the shutout and has a shutout streak of 105 minutes, including two 30-minute tournament games from the past weekend in Fenelon Falls.

Yake is reserved about how well they have played so far this season.

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Playing is winning for Red Hawks girls' hockey

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Earning the right to play is a victory for the Red Hawks girls' hockey team — the newest athletic program to start at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Head coach Dave Chambers received great praise from coaches at the tournament who said that other first-year clubs took years to score their first goals.

"I bet you before the end of the year we'll win a game," he said.

The team may have finished winless with an 0 - 3 record at the Huntsville High School's Early Bird Classic on Thursday, Nov. 25, but the coach believes in his team's potential.

Despite the lopsided game scores, Chambers noticed considerable improvement through the course of the tournament.

In the first game against Huron High School the Red Hawks were shut out. They improved in their second game when the score ended 7-1. Right defense Michelle Winfield scored on a point shot that went straight in thanks to a screen created by forward Candace Lowes. The last game of the day ended 7-1 with HHSS forward Heather Mulholland scoring the lone goal on a wraparound.

"They actually got better through the day," he said. "Some of them were learning how to take faceoffs, where to line up."

New additions to the team are Brittany Hicks and Sherri Walker. Both were finishing their seasons with the basketball team.

The team and its coaching staff appreciate the community's outpouring of support since an Echo article that appeared a few weeks earlier. Without funds from the high school, support is still needed.

"Support is always welcome," he said. "These contributions are really appreciated because we're trying to buy the team a set of school jerseys so the girls have them for future years."

He believes the set will cost at least $900.

They hope to host their own tournament the first week of January.

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Coach believes team can still improve

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"Except for [this game] we haven't blown anyone out but we've been successful. Since the tournament and game against Kenner our play has improved so the skill level hasn't changed, but our team play has certainly improved," he said. "It's going to be interesting to see what happens in the middle of the season. It's still a long season at this point. So far, so good.

As successful as they have been, Yake believes the team is far from playing their best hockey.

""There's lots of room for improvement. Every now and then we still get caught running around in our own end. That's the game of hockey. There's always room for improvement," he said.

Their next game is against the St. Peter's Saints here in Haliburton on Monday, Dec. 6.

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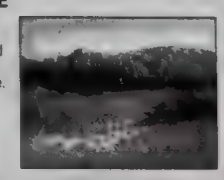
MINDEN STREET MINDEN — $173,000

C-1 zoning. Living quarters upstairs. Town water & sewers.
Call Tracy or Lenor.

ACREAGE ON MINDEN LAKE — $129,900

With 465' of frontage on Minden Lake and 8 48 acres of grassland & red pines, this property features southern exposure. Call Lenor or Tracy.



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HALIBURTON HOME — $208,000

3 bdrm home located within walking distance to all amenities Lge living room, master bdrm with ensuite and access to screened porch. Full finished bsmt. A must to see

MINDEN LOG HOME — $235,000

Large 3 bedroom home situated on 20 acres Pine kitchen, large livingroom, 2 baths, bsmt with inlaw suite, double detached garage.

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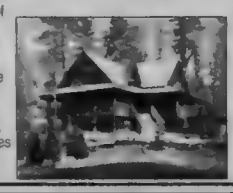
This unique property set back in total privacy on quiet bay of famous Redstone, boasts 33.33 acres, year round 24/7 sounds of waterfall. This architecturally designed home has nearly 4000 sq feet of luxurious living space, including an amazing kitchen. 3 full baths, 3 BR, 360 degrees wrap around covered deck+++many extras.



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5 unit income property fully rented, 1 unit occupied by owner. Centrally located between Haliburton & Minden villages, close to Pinestone Golf Course, Sir Sandford Fleming College & access to Kashagawigamog Lake. Beautiful landscaping & outdoor lighting. Would make a great B&B as well.

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Bill Kulas*

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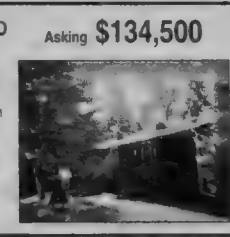
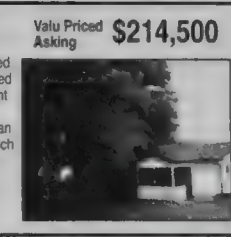


MOUNTAIN LAKE — Valu Priced Asking $214,500

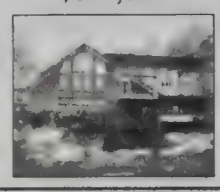
Wow! This 3 bedroom year round home/cottage is situated on a very private & nicely treed 2.6 acre lot w/50 ft of lakefront on pristine Mountain Lake Superb swimming w/very clean shoreline. Lg screened in porch Terrific 2 lake chain. Vendor relocating. Value-priced! Call Bill Kulas today @ 286-2911 ext. #44



Cathy Bain*

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LK. — $314,500

Boaters paradise on this 5-lk chain. Beautifully dec. 4 bdrm, 4 season cottage, full septic & drilled well. Enjoy unlimited boating from this prv., nicely treed setting w/beautiful view & spec. sunsets over one of Haliburton's finest lakes. Call Cathy



KENNISIS LAKE — $324,900

Big lake view w/south exp from this private 3 bdrm cottage that is fully winterized & comes w/it's own matching bunkie. Cottage is very well maintained w/full septic & oil fired hot water forced air furnace. new roof in 2003

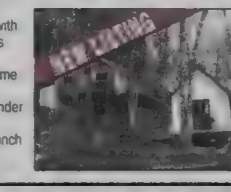
Cathy Lancia**

KENNISIS LAKE — $ 159,700

Sandy, 240' waterfront and natural forest make up this 10 acres of unspoiled nature. It is accessed by a private seasonal road that could easily be plowed. This is an opportunity to have boating access to Presigious Kennisis Lake

MISKWABI LAKE — $239,000

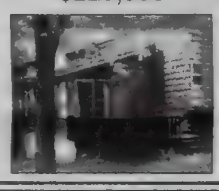
R2000 construction framed 900 sq ft building. Board & baton exterior is almost complete with metal roof & aluminum soffits Insulated floors, wire mesh keeps it protected below Some exterior barrier around piers, which creates a workshop under the cottage Steep property, easier access by boat as launch is nearby Boathouse at waterfront



Ken Barry**

IN TOWN — $229,900

This 2400 sq ft Haliburton home has 3 levels of finished living space. Family-size kitchen, rec rm & dining, loads of storage & decking, attached & detached garages. 34 acres of property w/mixed hardwood & privacy. A must see!



ACREAGE

$20,000 - Lee's Road - 18.5 acres - Nice private setting Heavily treed on year round road close to hydro and phone

$40,000 - Hwy. 503 - 42.9 acres - Maturing hardwood forest lot with great building sites Hydro & phone on the road

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CLEMENT LK. — $279,900

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Karen Nimigon*

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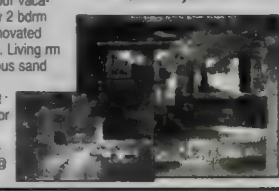
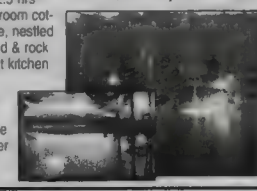


BIG BROTHER LAKE — $339,000

Piece of paradise, just 2.5 hrs north of Toronto. 2 bedroom cottage + 350 sq. ft. Bunkie, nestled on 1.1 acres w/170' sand & rock shoreline. Open concept kitchen & dining area w/pine walls, floors, ceiling, lrg living room w/big lake view & flr to ceiling stone f/p. Decks, dock @ water Call Karen 457-1011 ext. 224 today!



Fred Chapple*

MAPLE LAKE

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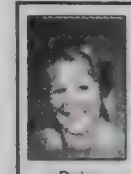

Deb Deremo*

GREAT BUY! — $289,900

Fully winterized, south facing 2 bdrm cottage on year round municipal road. Located in quiet bay, gently sloping lot leads to beautiful sand beach Cedar interior, stone fireplace, lots of decking. Don't miss out, call Deb!

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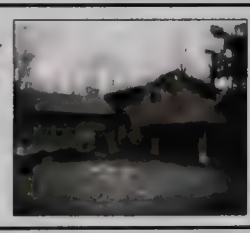
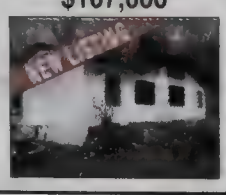
$299,900



Victor Disik*

START HERE — $107,000

Very warm & clean 2 BR home on over an acre with easy access to lakes, trails & town. Large out building for storage or workshop. Ask for Victor Disik.



EVERYTHING A LAND BARON SHOULD HAVE — $449,000

Over 400 acres. Two - 2 car garages, a 3 BR, 1320 sq ft dwelling w/a full basement, granite, fireplace & sunroom, oil heat & air conditioned, also backs onto about 2000 acres of Crown Land.
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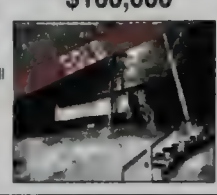
Ted Vasey*

LAKE LORRAINE — $160,000

Absolutely perfect starter/rental cottage. W/o kitchen & living area to front & side deck, 3 bedrooms, 3 pc. bath, sandy shoreline, waterfront deck, small quiet lake, lovely view.



3 LAKE CHAIN — $329,000

Miles of boating on Redstone Lake - spotless custom-Built cedar home/cottage. Open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm with cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

Vince Duchene**

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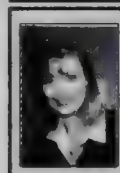
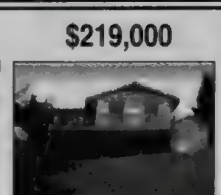
1 acre lot, level in nature, year-round access and part ownership in a waterfront lot on Miskwabi Lake steps away
All the same benefits as being on the lake for 1/2 the price



Melanie Vigrass*

MINDEN LAKE — $219,000

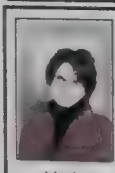
5 bedroom cottage plus a bunkie on a sloping lot w/sand shoreline, S.E. exposure, minutes from Minden and a quick paddle up the lake to the rapids. Call Melanie for a personal tour.



BEECH RIVER

Beautiful lot wih mature trees, fronting on the Beech River, a short boat ride to Boshkung Lake chain. Lot has driveway in, 242' frontage & is level. Call Melanie.

$49,000 +GST



Linda Beachli***

HOME, POOL & INCOME

Lovely large bright 5 bedroom, 3 bath home with fully finished playroom & pool with a separate 3000 sq ft income suite All on manicured 4.5 acres & Head Lake Linda Beachli/Peter Brady 457-1011.

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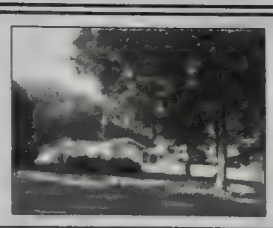

MONROCK LAKE

Lovely year round very private home. Good level waterfront & loaded with extras! Fireplaces, sauna, bunkie. Hurry to move in! Linda Beachli/Peter Brady 457-1011

$215,000

NEW HOME ON #21

Large bright two storey home ready for your finishes and home business near Pinestone. Adjacent commercial corner too!
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THE PERSONAL TOUCH

can lighten the darkness & despair of depression this Christmas

Story by Don Buxcey

Why do so many lonely people commit suicide at Christmas? Distress centres all over the country report that this is the busiest time of the year. A time when we are led to believe that love should prevail in our society.

Enough is said about the commercialisation of the Christian celebration, but not much is written about the devastation caused by the season to those who are left out.

"Christmas sucks!" This is a colloquial term currently in fashion but it adequately describes a condition that leads to depression, and the loneliness that causes some to kill themselves rather than face one more session of desperate attempts at happiness.

Stompin' Tom wrote a song many years ago about an orphan who expected a "shiny new sled" along with the rest of the boys. Unfortunately, there was one sled short and the lad was left out. That is where many lonely souls find themselves this Christmas.

Our sentimental ideas of what Christmas is all about have created a terrible situation in our community. The legacy of Victorian times is one of large family gatherings, with huge meals, and many gifts for everyone. The emphasis on children enjoying themselves has been blown out of all proportion in contrast to the truth of the celebration.

Many cannot afford a decent meal, let alone the tree and presents for the children. The depression this causes for unemployed persons and underpaid workers can drive people to desperate measures. The media hype and store advertising can put an awful pressure on folk already struggling to make ends meet.

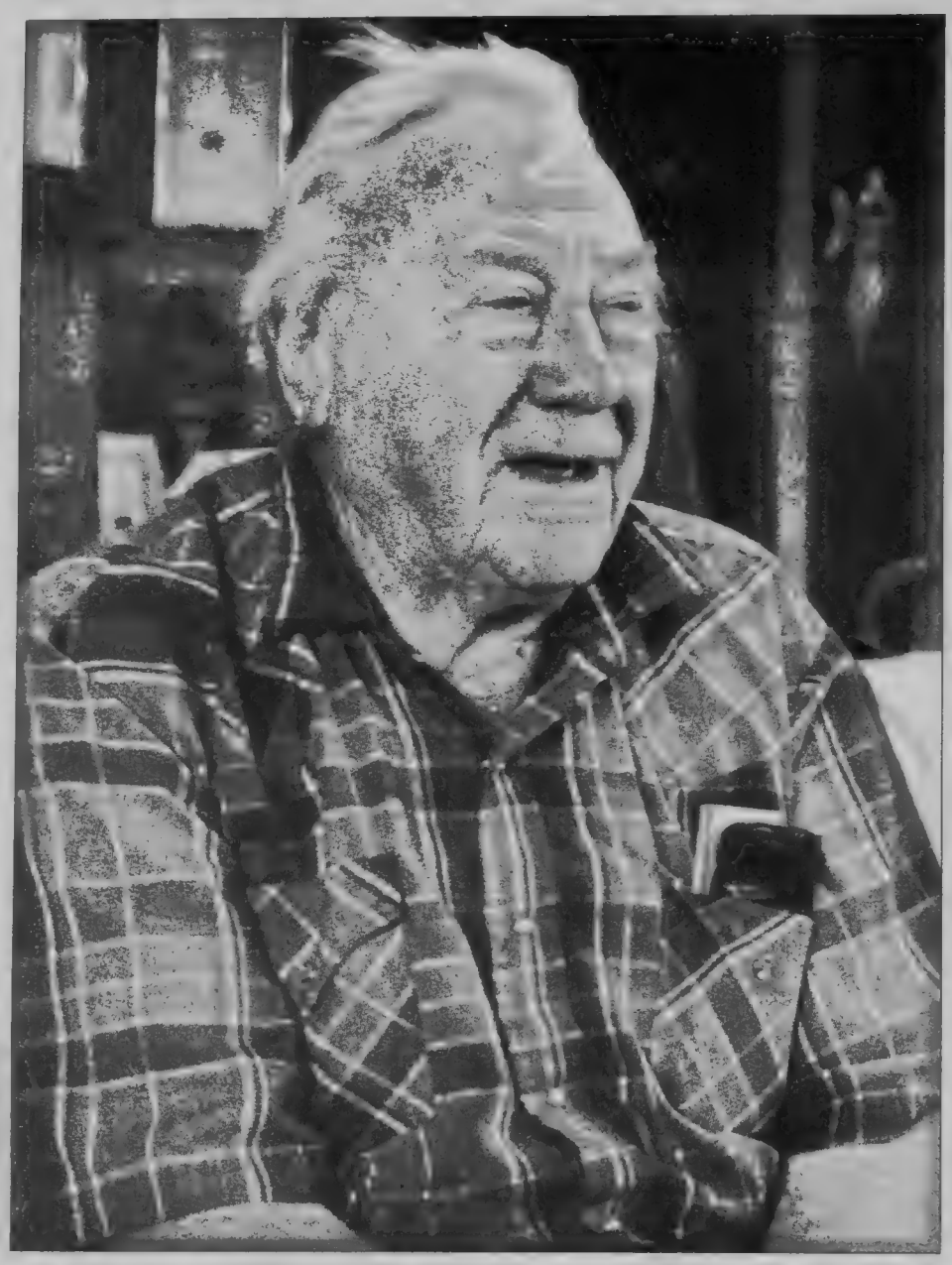
Perhaps, this year, we can give our children the message that it hurts others when they brag about the wonderful gadgets and privileges pressed on them by affluent parents. Sentimental television programs and films do nothing to carry the meaning of God's gift to humanity.

It costs very little– except time – to offer a kind word, a hug or a smile to the next check-out person. And how about the small cost of a donation to the food bank, or one of the other programs that provides help to cash-strapped families?

More important, it is the personal effort that one makes, the offer of the gift of love to someone you know– in whatever way seems appropriate – that will make your Christmas a joyful one. Without the personal touch, you will again find the season stressful, expensive and unrewarding.

Who is your neighbour? It is the person next to you, no matter who that may be. And if you do not reach out now, it will likely be too late.

– Don Buxcey of Minden is a member of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

John Hulbig is a historian and author of several books about the Haliburton Highlands. He lives just outside of Minden.

John Hulbig's Highlands

One of this county's most beloved historians talks about camping in Algonquin Park way back in 1936

This is a chapter from Mr. Hulbig's third book of memories of what life in the Highlands used to be like.

Some 68 years ago I was attending our little Red School SS #5, Lutterworth and Snowdon. I was always interested in reading and literature.

On page six of the third *Ontario Red Reader*, I often read this story titled *Wild Life in Algonquin Park*, by J.A. Morris. He tells how he camped in the Park on an island, and describes the deer, beaver, muskrats, mink and other animals that were living there. His camp, and our stony farm, Lot 1 – Concession 12—Lutterworth, were probably not more than 75 miles apart, as a crow flies. He forgot about the chanting whip-poor-wills who sang all night, or the hordes of fireflies who on a warm moist summer evening flew around after dark.

Around 1934 a make-work project made a road from Dwight, through the lower part of Algonquin Park, to Whitney. It was ready for travel around 1936. The highway from Minden to Dorset had just been completed.

Some 37 miles took you across the south end of the Park. In general it followed the railway track.

In 1936 in July, Art announced he was going to take a trip up on that new highway to visit Algonquin Park, and asked would we like to come along.

Of course my father, mother and I, twelve years old at the time, jumped at the chance.

On a bright warm Sunday morning the cows were milked earlier than usual, and other chores were attended to.

Mother had made a big potato salad with lots of green onions and radishes mixed through it. As well, to make it nice and creamy, she added plenty of her own homemade salad dressing.

The top of the salad was covered with yellow and white slices of hard-boiled eggs that the hens had laid just the day before. This made a colourful decoration, which was well garnished with pepper and salt. A big pan of home-cooked baked beans, the top well covered with thick slices of our home-made smoked bacon, was included. A loaf of her home-made bread, a large pan of freshly baked spice rolls, and a pound of our dairy butter were wrapped up together.

All this food was carefully packed in a stout cardboard box, along with a big bag of vanilla-raisin cookies which she had just baked. These cookies were my mother's pride and joy. For shortening she used several cups of thick 40% cream which made them unusually tasty and soft. They sat on top of the box.

A black honey pail with wire handle, to be used as a tea pail and a Keen's mustard can full of loose tea leaves, completed the food supply.

We left our farm around eight o'clock. Art drove a 1927 eight-passenger Cadillac sedan. Two small seats with blue upholstery were bolted to the floor, just ahead of the back seat. These big cars in the depression years were very cheap, when they became a few years old, because of their extra gas consumption. We were riding in one of the best cars of that era.

Up hill and down dale, around lakes and beaver ponds, and scraping by jagged bed rocks we cruised to Carnarvon, Halls Lake, Pine Springs to Dorset, then on to Dwight. Here we turned right on to the Park road. A few miles up this avenue, we came to the South gate of Algonquin Park . This was a little bit of man's ingenuity, built in a patch of cleared land that had been wrestled from a dense hardwood for-

See **Freda** *page 24*

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'Freda and I, on our first date, ate at the Lake of Two Rivers picnic area using the same fireplace. By now it was a proper place to light a fire, with a nice table beside it. We fried moose steaks in lots of butter.'

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est. Since no one was around, we passed through the gate, then on to Tea Lake, and a little further up the road was a narrow wooden bridge crossing Smoke Lake Creek. We drove over and, on the right side beside the water, was a little piece of cleared land with a big pine log in the middle. My kin thought this would be a good place to boil the tea pail and have a noon lunch. There were no picnic tables in the Park at the time so we put our box of "goodies" on the log. This little clearing may have been used for a log landing some time in the recent past.

Art, my father, and I collected some flat stones from down by the creek, carried them up to the log, and made a little fireplace. Art cut a maple sapling with his jack knife, then trimmed off the branches. This made us a tea pole. He stepped out on a granite boulder beside the creek and filled his tea pail with water along with a blue granite mug, then brought them over to the fireplace.

Some dry pine chips were easily gathered up, which made fuel for the fire to boil the tea pail. With a light from Art's bullet lighter, the fire was roaring in no time.

The honey pail was suspended over the fire and boiled almost at once. Art poured in about half the loose tea leaves from the Keen's mustard can. When the tea boiled up beautifully, Art, with a short dead stick, removed the tea pail from the pole. After replacing it three times, he poured the mug of cold water into the tea pail to settle the tea leaves.

John Hulbig's house is a treasure trove of historical information.

By this time mother had the picnic lunch spread out on the log. With a mug of tea, we found a place to sit on the wooden tree trunk. It was delicious, our first meal in Algonquin Park. Two deer ambled over for a slice of bread. The "Whiskey Jacks", Canada Jays, were plentiful. They would land on our head or sit on our arm hoping for a handout. After a leisurely repast, we sat back on the log and relaxed.

We gathered up any loose pieces of garbage, then watered our campfire well. Again we took our places in the Cadillac car and continued on our way up and down the hardwood hills, bouncing over the washboard gravel road. The deer were very plentiful. A few would take a slice of bread from our hand. Some had magnificent racks of antlers, very beautiful, still in the velvet.

We drove on and passed right by the side of the big rambling Highland Inn at Cache Lake. It was built in 1908 and was used by the railroad. For many years previously, this hotel was a favourite hideaway for many wealthy folks who came up from Toronto and other points by railroad. At Rock Lake a massive summerhouse had been built, complete with paved tennis courts and a large dock. On the high cliffs above the lake the falcons were nesting and were quite plentiful.

At the Lake of Two Rivers, there was a little clearing which stretched down to the water.

Here we found a little heap of stones that served as a fireplace. Again we boiled the tea pail and finished the remnants of our lunch, sitting on some round boulders. As we ate, two old loons and two small ones cruised back and forth on the lake in front of us, often uttering weird sounds. A big inquisitive mink came up from the lakeshore to where we were eating. No doubt he could smell an open can of sardines sitting on a hemlock stump.

After we had finished our delicious lunch (no fast food was eaten by my family in those days) we again packed up what was left in the box. We tidied up the campground and thoroughly drowned the campfire. A doe and three fawns still covered with white spots watched us as we left.

After seeing many deer foraging for their evening meal, we passed through the South Gate (today they call it the West Gate) and arrived home with about a half hour of daylight left. The cows were waiting at the barns to be milked. We fed the calves their allotment of skimmed milk fortified with a liberal portion of Royal Purple calf meal.

This was our first visit to Algonquin Park. We have visited the park at least once every year since 1936, and have often camped for a week at a time, first with our canvas tent, then our truck camper, and lastly with our car-towed "Trillium" camper. When Pog Lake became a campground, we camped there because it was close to the Outdoor Theatre.

Freda and I, on our first date, ate at the Lake of Two Rivers picnic area using the same fireplace. By now it was a proper place to light a fire, with a nice table beside it. We fried moose steaks in lots of butter. This was some thirty years later.

On a wet sultry evening Freda, Reita Lemieux, who used to cook at the Minden Red Cross Hospital, and I made a quick trip through the Park to Lake of Two Rivers, then back home.

We counted 58 deer.

– John Hulbig

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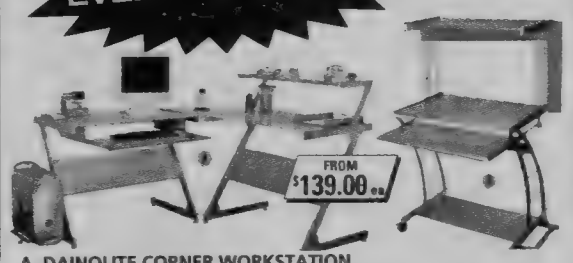

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Legion presents Remembrance winners

BRIAN HAMBLY

Special to the Echo

The Royal Canadian legion, Branch 129, Haliburton, would like to thank the 133 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster contests. This year the number of entries was significantly lower than the 201 entries last year.

Those who took part should be very proud that you took the time and made the effort to remember and honour those who paid the supreme sacrifice to ensure our rights and freedoms as Canadians.

I would like to thank all the teachers, the school administration, and the parents who encouraged these students to make the effort. your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

Also, I wish to recognize and commend this year's judges who were Gerry Palmer, Fay Wilkinson, Bill and Gail Scott, Suzanne Sovereign and myself. With so many good entries, the judges had many difficult decision to make.

Listed below are the winners of each contest. All first place winners will move on to compete with other entries within our Zone.

Poem Contest

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11, 12): 1st - David McGlade.

Intermediate Category (Grades 7, 8, 9): 1st - Katlyn Hollands; 2nd - Adeilah Dahlke.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): 1st - Quinn Schell; 2nd - Cole Rowden; 3rd - Jonathan Salvatori.

Essay Contest

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11, 12): 1st - Christine Carr.

Intemediate Category (Grades 7, 8, 9): No entries.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): 1st - Natasha Branscombe; 2nd - Caitlyn Griffin; 3rd - Jenna Feero.

Poster Contest - Black and White

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11, 12): 1st - Steve Olsen.

Intemediate Category (Grades 7, 8, 9): 1st - Tobi Billings; 2nd - Adeilah Dahlke.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): 1st - Brett Yake; 2nd - Madison Barton; 3rd - Nicole Jennings.

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2, 3): 1st - Andrew Jennings; 2nd - Nathan Feir; 3rd - Jacob Sisson.

Poster Contest - Colour

Senior Category (Grades 10, 11, 12): 1st - Josh Vlaming; 2nd - Steven Olsen.

Intemediate Category (Grades 7, 8, 9): 1st - Jocelyn Townsend; 2nd - Katlyn Hollands.

Junior Category (Grades 4, 5 and 6): 1st - Anna Scuhr; 2nd - Curtis Farnsworth; 3rd - Ryan Hunter.

Primary Category (Grades 1, 2, 3): 1st - Celeste Eriksen; 2nd - Brailey Claney; 3rd - Katarina Coneybeare.

Public Speaking Contest: This year's Public Speaking Contest will be held on Sunday, February 6th, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

Last general meeting of the year planned for Thursday night

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Gerald Irish

Don't forget the general meeting on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. This will be the last general meeting until March of 2005. your executive will continue to care for Legion business during January and February.

Sunday Brunches will resume on January 9. We will be offering a full breakfast for the low price of $4. and a lighter one (fruit cup and croissant) for $2.

Our Branch was well represented with an excellent float at the Santa Claus Parade. Well done and thank you to all who participated in its construction and for being on the float.

The Club Room has been beautifully decorated. Thanks to the people responsible for making the room look so festive for the upcoming holiday season.

I had the privilege of recording an announcement on your behalf on Canoe FM, working with Don Cameron. Don is such a special person and made the session relaxing and fun. Thank you Canoe FM and Don.

By December 18, you are going to start feeling frazzled and stressed out form all your holiday shopping and preparations. You owe it to yourself to take a break. Join us for games, fun, socializing, a meal, music and dancing at the Legion Christmas Party on December 18 from 4 p.m. until closing. We would appreciate donations of non-perishable food items or children's toys. In this way we will all be helping to make other peoples' Christmas celebrations as happy as possible.

The four people who attended the Alcohol and Gaming Seminar brought valuable information back to the branch. I submitted a report to the Executive on behalf of Barry Purpura, Bill Scott and Joan Irish.

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Principal cast members from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Bugsy Malone Jr production are in preparation for this week's performance at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

Bugsy Malone stage show isn't all baby-faced

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Baby-faced Bugsy Malone will be in full swagger, knocking dead the ladies – and the competition – at the Northern Lights Pavilion this week.

The junior version of the play being presented by Haliburton Highlands High School grade 11 and 12 students Thursday and Friday nights will have a slightly senior twist. Elke Zilla, drama teacher, has been working on a broader drama program this year that will bring together adults from the community, seniors, and even some kids from the elementary school.

"We're dissolving the boundaries between seniors and students," says Zilla.

A play about a mob killer in the days of the roaring '20s, intent on breaking all the prohibition laws while setting his sights on showgirl Blousey Brown, may not seem like an obvious choice to bridge a generation gap but Zilla says that so far it is two thumbs up.

Zilla received a $1,500 grant from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board program enhancement fund to develop what she has called "inter-generational drama and theatre production." One of the projects she is using the funding for is the production of Bugsy Malone.

She has seniors working on acting, set construction and other aspects of the show's production. It is not, however, a case of the older cast and crew telling the students what to do. The director is student Adam Perecko and the whole production is a cooperative affair.

Ann Maher is one of the "mature" members of the cast and crew who Zilla recruited for a tap dancing scene. Maher has been doing tap with three other women for a few years. She says that having the chance to dress up in flapper dresses and to strut their stuff with the teens is intimidating for some but exhilarating just the same.

"It's so damn much fun, you can't believe it. I'm sure some of the kids must think we're old fools but I think, on the whole, it's just great," says Maher.

Another part of the grant will be used for a workshop on mask-making and storytelling that is open to both adults and students. Zilla says that, in her mind, anything that brings the community together is a good thing.

Zilla says the project is just beginning this semester but she hopes to continue mixing different ages of kids and adults together in a variety of ways. After Bugsy Malone the students will be putting together a talent night for January 17.

Anyone interested in seeing Bugsy Malone can catch all the tongue-in-cheek fun at 7:30 p.m. at the pavilion. Tickets are $8 for adults and $5 for students.

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The successful proponent will have strong research, communication and writing skills, experience with public consultation and the ability to evaluate business proposals. Familiarity with the Frost Centre and a background in environmental education would be an asset.

All interested persons are encouraged to submit a proposal in accordance with the Request for Proposal. All proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. on December 17, 2004. The proposal should be addressed to Jim Wilson, CAO, County of Haliburton, P.O. Box 399, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. If hand delivered, deliver to 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Each submission must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following label: "Proposal for Frost Centre Working Committee Consultant".

No candidate will be accepted for consideration after the deadline specified above. The Committee appreciates all applications received, however, only those applicants selected for interviews will be notified. The Frost Centre Working Committee reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Questions concerning this Request for Proposal may be addressed to the CAO's Office at 705-286-1333 Ext. 223.

Jim Wilson, CAO
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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Reunion legacy: Haliburton County's students of the past gave a gift to the citizens of the future when members of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School 50th Anniversary Committee presented a quilt to Principal Gary Brohman. The quiltt was signed by roughly 450 alumni when 700 people attended the reunion. The quilt was Sandi Luck's idea who designed it. June Smith and Trudy Hawthorne sewed the squares together and Jean Hewitt did the quality. Proudly displaying the quilt, which will be framed and hung in the school foyer, are members of reunion committee. In the front is Melissa Stephens and Trudy Hawthorne. Standing from left are Debra Dart, Tom Dibblee, Fred and Joan Chapple, Art Dawson, Hugh Nichol, Gary Brohman, Paul Klose and Kim Emmerson. Absent are committee members Chris Bishop, Lori Roberts, Dorothy Black, David and Diane Dollo, David Shapiera, Anne Neave and Larry and Julie Hartin.

Fleming completes SuperBuild Projects on schedule and on budget

Fleming College's SuperBuild projects were completed on schedule and on budget, Foster Loucks, Chair of the Finance, Property and Planning Committee reported to the Board of Governors at the regular December meeting.

The total value of the projects, including a new campus in Haliburton completed over a four-year period, is $50.9-million.

"In addition to the SuperBuild investment, we were able to attract research funding for the projects," said Barb Cameron, Vice President of Finance and Facilities. "We increased our fundraising targets in Haliburton, and the value of our in-kind donations was higher than anticipated."

Included in the additional funds the college received are $2.04-million in research grants from the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Ontario Innovation Trust fund and an $800,000 grant from the provincial Strategic Skills Investment Fund.

The research dollars were used to help establish the Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment at the Frost Campus, a unique Canadian research initiative, and for equipment for applied technology research on healthy aging at the college's Sutherland Campus.

In Haliburton, the college surpassed its fundraising goals, raising $2.5-million to take it $1-million over the initial target. The total amount raised for the three projects was over $4.5-million.

In total, the college added 124,500 square feet to its campuses in Lindsay, Peterborough and Haliburton, building major additions in Peterborough and Lindsay and the new 31,000 sq. ft. campus in Haliburton.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTION:

CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL/BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

The Municipality of Highlands East is seeking applications for the position of Chief Building Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Reporting directly to the CAO/Clerk, the CBO/BLEO shall be responsible for:

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- Supervision of one or more Municipal Building Inspectors/By-law Enforcement Officers
- Issuing building, and demolition permits
- Conducting site inspections to ensure that construction meets appropriate standards and approved plans
- Issuing orders as necessary
- Preparation of budget for the Building Department
- Maintaining accurate reports, records and files
- Issuing letters of Zoning and Official Plan compliance
- Investigating, administering and enforcing applicable legislation and by-laws
- Assisting with general public complaints and requests for advice
- Administration of the Nutrient Management Act
- Reviewing Minor Variance and consent applications
- Administration and enforcement of the Municipality's Property Standards By-law, Animal Control By-law, and other

QUALIFICATION:

- Certified Building Code Official (CBCO)
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- A thorough understanding of provincial legislation, regulations and policies as they affect buildings, property and municipal by-law enforcement
- A thorough understanding of the Ontario Building Code Act and other applicable legislation
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence
- Good computer skills, record management skills, oral and written communications skills

The ideal candidate will deal effectively courteously and tactfully with the general public, contractors and construction industry professionals.

The Municipality of Highlands East offers a competitive remuneration and benefits package.

Qualified applicants may submit a resume, including salary expectations, in confidence, not later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 to:

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We thank all candidates who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of candidate selection.

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LOCATION: Huntsville

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Ontario

A story, a song, a smile

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
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Christmas in Carnarvon, that annual gathering of women from many communities in the area, happened on Dec. 1 at Zion United Church. Elinor Hamilton directed the proceedings. It's a pot luck program. As each church group is mentioned they present a song, a story, a reading, a dance, an instrumental selection or something that's appropriate to the season.

Maple Lake United Church sang words and music composed by Eve Stata, accompanied by Kathleen Owens, the organist of the church for many years. Marnie MacMillan, Eve Stata, Marilyn Carter and Ila Griffen sang "Christmas Bells".

St. Paul's and St. Peter's. under Dorothy Milne's leadership, line-danced and sang. Described by Barb T. as devotion with emotion Melissa Guyatt sang the opening number. Toos Reid sang to her guitar accompaniment.

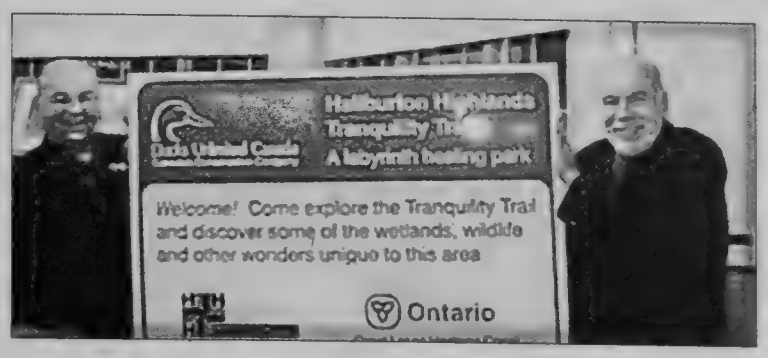
Barbara Harrison and Jean Horne presented a thoughtful dialogue on The Lord's Prayer. Kathleen and I played the "Silent Night" duet on piano, Jessie Pflug accompanied the singing of carols.

Remembrances of earlier Christmases were offered, and everyone was well entertained.

Zion United Church ladies served refreshments on the beautifully decorated tables. Those in attendance from Guilford included Kay Morrison, Myra Marshall, Gladys Kyle, and those already mentioned: (Marnie, Kathleen and Ila). An event worth repeating year by year.

Debbie Deremo of the Irish Line hosted a Christmas home and gift party last week.

Shannon Walker was the presenter to a group of about 10 women.



Signs from Ducks

Ducks Unlimited Canada board member Jerry Walker presents a welcome sign to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's chairman, Peter Oyler, for the Haliburton Highlands Tranquility Trail at the Haliburton healthcare facility. Ducks Unlimited has committed $3,000 for interpretive signs at the Tranquility Trail explaining the various forms of wildlife, wetlands and trees identified at the wetland which the healthcare facility overlooks. The presentation took place at the 11th annual Haliburton/Minden Ducks Unlimited banquet on Friday October 29 at the Wigamog Inn. The sold-out event was attended by 150 people and raised more than $20,000 for conservation and preservation of wetlands in the Haliburton Highlands and beyond.

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Some dreams do come true

The memoirs of Algonquin Park trapper, Vernon Mohr

The following memoirs were written by Vernon Mohr, a long-time Haliburton resident who died this past September. They tell the story about what it was like to be a trapper in Algonquin Park.

I was born on a farm in the rural area of Stratford, Ont. At an early age I became interested in fur farming, anything that grew fur is what intrigued me.

At the public school I attended, there were about 60 class mates for one teacher. Believe me, the teacher always had a strap and a ruler in a convenient location.

My greatest ambition at that time was to obtain a registered trap zone. This means that a certain area of crown land was allotted to a trapper. My school pal and I used to go to a small creek to catch muskrats after school. If I caught any, I would place them in my lunch box. I would always make sure that they did not remain in the lunch box when I got home. Otherwise I would invite disaster. In later years, I ventured into fur farming. I was in charge of my own mink ranch for about 30 years. At one time I had more than 1,000 mink. I also was engaged in trapping fur bearing animals. My friend and I were in the habit of going out in the fall of the year to find out where the animals were hiding from us so to speak.

Up until this point I had not herd of Haliburton or Minden. I also had the ambition of having a fur farm location in an area that had many lakes, forests and rock. I had heard about black flies but only crossed that bridge when I got there.

One day I happened to receive a small book containing information about parcels of real estate mostly in Ontario, B.C. and the east coast. I made a down payment on a property near Bib Bob Lake near Minden in 1967.

We went to see this parcel of land about one year after. When we saw this land, we were surprised to find so many good things that were not listed in the description. For instance there were two small creeks crossing the property, I even owned my own water fall. It was not long after that, that we had a glimpse of Haliburton and we loved what we seen.

In 1969 we made another trip to Haliburton County. By now we were getting to know this beautiful area. In Sept. of 1969 we bought our home and took possession on Jan. 1st, 1970.

My wife Elsa and I started residing in Haliburton. We have come to know so many nice people.

We arrived at our new house on a very cold night. We could not unlock our door to gain entry. We tried matches which failed, so we had to break a small pane in the french door.

It wasn't very long after that I visited the Ministry of Natural Resources and made it known that I was looking for a registered trap zone available. I was putting roofing on our own house when along came a truck from Lands and Forest. The gentleman told me that there was a registered trap zone available in Algonquin Park. This person turned out to be Bruce McKay who actually had come from the same general area where I used to live.

Here is where my dream was coming true, the dream that I had in mind as a young lad.

Usually September and October are the months that trappers will inspect their area to find out where the animals have their home. At this time a young person approached me and offered to help me so that he in turn could gain some experience.

One time we were canoeing down the Madawaska River that took us to Clydesdale lake. There were many islands. We were trying to find a camp that we had approached by another route, namely through the east gate of Algonquin Park. It was getting late in the afternoon on a cool October day. We knew it was soon going to be dark so we had to make every minute count. This was our staying over place.

Finally we arrived there. This was a log building and it had contained about 10 bunk beds. The roof had to be dismantled, leaving one bedroom and a kitchen. This work had been done earlier in the summer.

When we entered the camp, we were greeted by an old woodstove where the stove pipe had parted company. We tried to patch the pipe together as good as we could under the circumstances. We made a fire – oh yes, you guessed it. We had a regular smoke house. We ended up leaving the outside door partly open so that we would not suffocate.

As we tried to get some sleep, I remember a mouse ran over my body close to my neck. I just about hit the ceiling. That mouse scared me more than some large animal. We survived the night and in the morning there was frost on the ground. This camp was located on a narrow strip of land jutting out into the lake. It was a very nice setting.

Soon time arrived for trapping, which was around October 25. We started trapping by placing two different sets at the dam of a beaver dam. It was already quite cold. Next day we discovered that there were two beavers in the sets.

I just went to take out the beaver and reset the traps. To my horror, when I looked where the beaver were I could not believe it – my companion had placed these two wet beavers on the frozen rock. Guess what? They stuck on that rock. That was one time that we did not take home all of the fur. We sacrificed a thermos bottle of hot tea to extricate our beaver. We should have used cold water for that job and still have had our tea for all the strength we needed! We were having lots of fun.

The next adventure we had proved to be quite the event. My friend insisted that he would look at a few sets. I gave him directions which were not complicated. I watched him disappear in the woods and I had a funny feeling. It was a November day with a little drizzle. Time went on and my friend was nowhere to be found. After some hours I decided to go home for help, leaving my friend in the woods.

Before I went home, I fired some shots, but to no avail. I had a sleepless night. The next morning I went back to the trap-line accompanied with the game warden and a policeman. After plotting our course of action, low and behold we seen him coming towards us, non the worse for his adventure. Trapping is from fall to early spring and I had the privilege to trap for five years. Again I must say, it was the most wonderful time of my life and the half has not been told.

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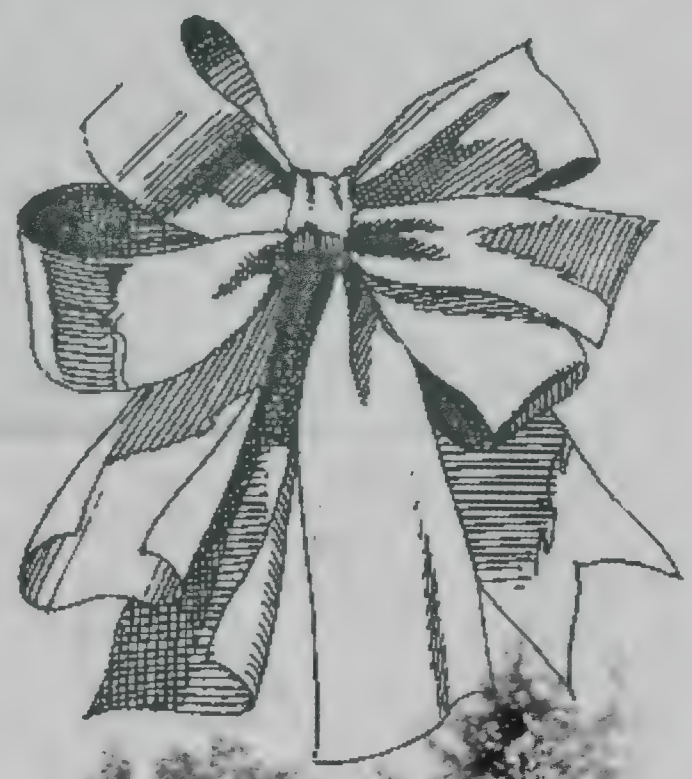

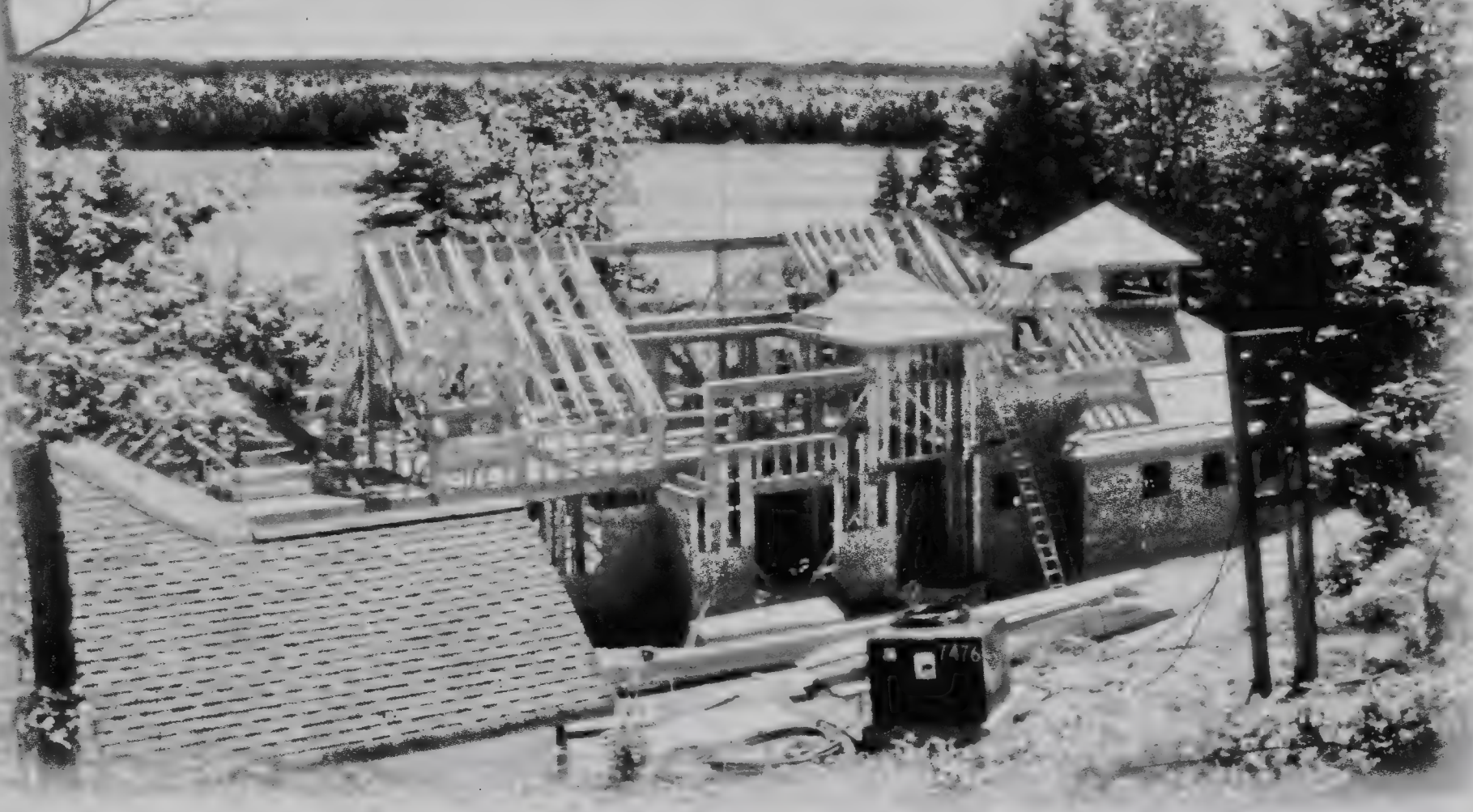

A new cottage takes shape on the west shore of Kennisis Lake

Haliburton County Home Builders' Association

A special section of The Haliburton County Echo
Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Choose your contractor with care

A good builder, trade contractor or supplier will help take the worry out of buidling your dream

Kirk Holden, HCHBA president

We are coming to the close of another building season for Haliburton County and what a busy year 2004 has been. For many in the construction field the building season is becoming a year round commitment, with many builders, trades, and subcontractors forced to work through the winter to keep up with the demand of their customers.

As a supplier I am all too often being asked by some of my customers " Whom can we hire to build our cottage? " And while most people realize this can possibly be a one or two year process of arranging contractors, so many people don't take this into consideration and hire whoever they can find to " start right away! " My point here is that when you are looking for someone to build your cottage don't be in a hurry to get started before you take the time to look into the company you're considering. Ask for references, go to your local lumberyard and ask them for their list of good builders. Also don't forget to talk to your neighbours on the lake, as they have most likely been down this road before.

Another good idea is to narrow your list of prospective builders down to not more than three names. Most good builders will lose interest if they know they are pricing against five other companies for your job. Be clear about what you want from them; if you have special requirements or needs this all should be discussed at the first meeting. Ask the builder to show you proof of WSIB (workers compensation), liability insurance, G.S.T.# and any other coverage and registrations that are mandatory so that you, the home owner, are covered if an accident happens on your property while work is being done.

"Get it in Writing". Make sure that when the contractor gives you a quote, to read it and more importantly understand it! While price is important, it's a huge mistake to skim though to the end of the quotation (that someone has spent time to produce for your benefit) to see how much the bottom line figure is. This also gives the homeowner and the builder a clear understanding of what the job consists of with labour and materials and any specific details or additional requirements by the owner. Most of these things can also be used when seeking trade contractors and suppliers, as some people only need a few specific services to meet their needs.

The building process may seem like a daunting task when faced with permits, by-laws, code requirements, scheduling, and all the other issues that go along with building your cottage, but a good builder, trade contractor and/or supplier will be able to take the worry out of building your dream and make the construction process an enjoyable experience for you.

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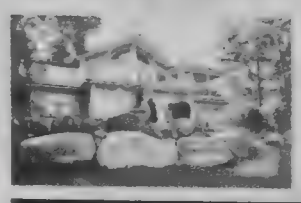

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Home Builders' Association elects new president, executive for 2004-05

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Emmisions from heater units can be deadly

by Ray Hopkins, B.A.S., and Dru Sahai, M.Sc.(A), ROH, Construction Safety Association of Ontario

Should you be concerned about breathing combustion products when working around construction heaters? Last winter, CSAO studied direct-fired heaters (natural gas and propane). Findings indicated that most heated construction sites were well ventilated.

In some cases, however, emission gases were above acceptable levels—and the suspected problem wasn't always the heater or how it was installed, but the actions of other workers on site.

Background

During winter months, direct-fired heaters are used across Ontario to keep construction workers warm. The heaters also make concrete placement, bricklaying, plastering, drywalling, and painting possible under cold conditions.

Testing emissions from infrared heater

Direct-fired heaters release combustion emissions directly into the air where people work. Although carbon monoxide (CO) is the main concern, carbon dioxide (CO2) may also be a problem.

See **CO²** *page 5*

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Saying thank you to another President of the Home Builders' Association

President, Kirk Holden, (left in the photo) presented outgoing President Wade Woodward and his wife Jane with a small token of appreciation at a recent meeting. Woodward served as President for the past three years and was the driving force behind the Charity Hockey Tournament that runs on the last weekend of January. At the Pump Shop Jane Woodward and Andrea Donaldson became the voices behind the calls to members monthly. Wade was presented with a new goalie stick and Jane with a bouquet of flowers. Andrea was unable to attend the meeting but received her flowers at the office the following day.

A volunteer organization cannot run without dedicated people. Wade Woodward stepped up to the plate and performed outstandingly. Wade joins the past presidents club with Paul Mayo and Gary Burtch. They may be past presidents but they continue to support the new president and this three level association.

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CO^2 a silent but deadly gas

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Both CO and CO2 can asphyxiate a worker. CO2 displaces oxygen in the air, but high concentrations are necessary to do so. By contrast, CO is a *chemical* asphyxiant. It acts in the bloodstream to reduce oxygen availability. CO affects a worker's health at lower concentrations and therefore causes greater concern.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, and tasteless gas. It is formed during the incomplete combustion of carbon-based fuels.

Low levels of CO can produce flu- or cold-like symptoms such as shortness of breath on mild exertion, moderate headaches, and nausea.

As the level of CO increases, you can experience dizziness, mental confusion, severe headaches, nausea, and fainting on mild exertion. High concentrations of CO can result in unconsciousness and death.

Carbon Dioxide

Carbon dioxide (CO2) is normally present in the atmosphere and is also a product of natural and propane gas combustion. Under atmospheric pressure, CO2 is a colourless and odourless gas.

Moderate concentrations can result in symptoms such as shortness of breath, drowsiness, dizziness, and headache. CO2 is heavier than air and therefore can accumulate in low-lying areas where there is no air movement.

Although you may not detect elevated levels of CO or CO2, your performance and judgment can still be affected. Workers exposed to elevated levels of emission gases can become fatigued and injure themselves or others as a result.

Ventilation

For heaters, adequate general ventilation should include:

- air with oxygen content between 18% and 23%
- CO levels below a Time Weighted Average Exposure Value (TWAEV) of 35 parts per million (ppm) or a Short Term Exposure Value (STEV) of 400 ppm.
- CO2 levels below a TWAEV of 5,000 ppm or a STEV of 30,000 ppm.

Ventilation is complicated by other exhaust emissions. Heavy equipment on site and traffic on public roads can contribute to background levels of CO. Sources of CO also include the internal combustion engines powering saws, scissor lifts, power trowellers, generators, and forklift trucks. Even these relatively small engines produce high levels of CO.

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The Christmas party season is about to commence. The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include this Challenge in your plans. Large or small each gift is needed to fill the baskets this Christmas.

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Ida Holmes remembered at touching service

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Family and friends gathered at the Monk Funeral Home on Tuesday November 30 to remember Ida Holmes and celebrate her life. Ida, a long time resident of Wilberforce, died peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Friday, November 26. The Rev. Sharon Melvin of St. Margaret's Church officiated at the service. Readings were given by three of Ida's granddaughters. Richard Pape delivered a eulogy that touched everyone as they remembered Ida. Several of her favourite hymns were sung.

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Hilda Clark
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In her 88th year, Ida Holmes was always independently active, living in her own home until just a few months ago. She suffered an inoperable brain tumour. She has been and will continue to be missed especially by her bridge, euchre and cribbage playing friends and her bowling buddies. She was an avid card player and a formidable competitor. She loved working with flowers and plants with which she had a green thumb and a magic touch.

Ida was born in England and emigrated to Canada with her family as a child. She grew up on Manitoulin Island, worked in Toronto and through the Charles Hayes family there she was introduced to Wilberforce and to Leonard Holmes. She was predeceased by Len and their eldest son Jim.

Sympathy is extended to all of her family including daughter Marilyn, son Gordon and his wife Maureen, her grand children and great grand children, her sister Edith, her sister-in-law Joyce Holmes, nieces, nephews and friends. She leaves an empty place in our community and in our hearts.

The Wilberforce School Christmas Concert will be presented at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Tuesday, December 14. The children and staff get out for vacation on Friday, December 17 this year. With Christmas on a Saturday it means the holiday is a week before and a week after the big day.

We hear Santa is paying a visit to the village on Sunday, December 12. A parade will form at 12:30 noon in front of the school to accompany Santa down to the Lloyd Watson Centre. To enter a float or to help Lynn Waugh with the parade call her at 448-3674. Thanks to local elves headed by Roberta Walsh and Valerie Smith the children 10 and younger will meet Santa, receive a gift and be entertained at the hall.

At the craft Sale at the LWMC on Saturday, Dec. 4 the United Church Ladies held the draw for several items that they were raffling. The large afghan and shams were won by G. Zubko of Kelowna B.C. Roberta Walsh won the small afghan. Jane Burton won the baby afghan. Leah Grant of the Wilberforce Pathfinders drew the tickets.

The annual Wildlife Dinner was held at the Wilberforce Legion on Saturday, December 4.

The 75 voice North Hastings Community Choir presented an evening performance of their concert entitled Festive Fun on Saturday, December 4, and a matinee show on Sunday, December 5. Held at the Village Playhouse in Bancroft both concerts were sold out. Under the direction of Howard Baer the choir entertained the receptive audiences with a fine variety of selections. They ranged from traditional pieces such as 'Silent Night' to the clever, fun 'The Twelve Days after Christmas' written by Frederick Silver. 'Silver Bells' by the women rang out clearly, while 'New Year Comin'' performed by the men struck some true "chords" with all the great resolutions the guys promised to keep. Special guest soloist was Adam Bishop from the Bancroft area, now at Queen's University in Kingston. From the opening Antiphonal sung from the aisles and the stage, to the very complex yet lighthearted 'Merry Christmas Mozart' to the audience carols, this was an excellent concert, festive and fun.

The annual ecumenical carol service will be held at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday, December 12 beginning at 7 p.m. The Gentlemen of Song will be the choir this year. Join in this event which always allows lots of opportunity for the congregation to sing with refreshments after the service.

Also coming up on Sunday, December 19 is the Old Fashioned Carol Sing at the historic Essonville Christ Church. It begins at 7 p.m.

Lights judging happens this week

The judging for this year's Haliburton Home Hardware/*Haliburton County Echo/Minden Times* Christmas Lights Contest is planned to take place this week during the evening.

Weather will play a deciding role in whether or not the judging will take place on any given night. If it's nasty, judges will stay home. If it's clear, the judges will be out in force. Just to be on the safe side, entrants are asked to leave their lights on every night from approximately 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Learning Centre dazzles guests with holiday lunch

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Valerie Smith
448-3640

As we scurry for shelter from chilly December winds and boughs break under the weight of snow, our hearts are filled with warmth as we partake in the many Christmas season festivities.

At the Highlands Community Learning Centre the students showed off their culinary skills to invited guests from across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. They carefully planned the luncheon including taste tempting appetizers, excellent main course and mouth watering, delectable desserts. Kudos to the students, teacher Laura Willis and stalwart, volunteer Sharon Bacon. Many thanks for a delightful Christmas luncheon.

Special happy birthday wishes go out to my father. We have just spent an excellent weekend with my mother, my father and my granddaughter, Rachel, in my parent's new home in Lindsay. We tried to keep things as a surprise for Dad, however, as family members dropped in, one could hear Rachel loudly announcing, "my whole family is coming." As the weekend unfolded, Dad may not have been surprised by the turn of events; however, I know he enjoyed it. The Ontario Special Olympics Athletes Benefit Hockey Game played out by the NHL Alumni and the Law Enforcement Torch Run Allstars was equally enjoyed by my father in his advanced years as it was by Rachel in her early years. The game provided excellent entertainment however, I found myself watching the rapt delight on my father and Rachel faces as they watched the game. It was a weekend of memories in the making and I will forever remember their delight and Rachel's interpretation of keeping a family birthday celebration a secret.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Luann Spada and John Bower on the loss of Luann's father Louis Arthur Moody, better known as Lou Moody. Lou died peacefully after a long and courageous battle with cancer at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 in his 80th year. Lou will be sadly missed by sons Richard (Pat), Robert and Gary (Kathy) Moody, daughter Luann Spada (John Bower), his nine grandchildren and many great grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his fellow comrades of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 624, Wilberforce.From the poem *Just A Common Soldier* "...we cannot do him honour while he's here to hear the praise, then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days ... our country is in mourning, for a soldier died today." There will be a memorial service on December 12, 2004 at 3 p.m. for Lou at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624 in Wilberforce.

Please keep in mind that the Loop Santa Claus Parade and Christmas Party are fast approaching. Time to get thinking about being in the parade. Participants meet at noon at the Wilberforce Elementary School on December 12 and will form the procession that welcomes the arrival of Santa Claus. All children are welcome to come to the Lloyd Watson Centre to have a visit with Santa Claus and children aged 10 years and younger will receive a gift from Santa. For more information regarding the parade, please call Lynn Waugh at 448-3674 and for further information regarding the Children's Christmas Party please call Valerie Smith 448-3640.

The Word of Life Clothing Outreach in Highland Grove continues to have good quality used clothing at reasonable prices. Just $8 to fill a green garbage bag and on The Good Food Box. Pay $15 by the 10th of December and receive, by December 16, a box of fruit and vegetables. Just an excellent offer for anyone wanting to stretch their food budget. Call 448-9406 for more information.

Don't forget Harcourt Community Centre continues to offer:

December 8 - Bingo every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. For further information call Debbie Shatraw at 4483155.

December 9 - Progressive euchre every Thursday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. Join the excitement and fun of Euchre. Euchre Nights at Harcourt Community Centre have been designated as a smoke free evening. A break is provided in order that people might smoke outdoors. Join the tradition and fun of Euchre. For further information please call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

December 12 – 7 p.m. The Harcourt Community Chapel will hold its Christmas Concert featuring youth and children. Everyone is welcome!

December 31 – Harcourt Community Centre Annual New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by dance at 9 p.m. Come out and enjoy a delicious dinner and dance to the great sounds of Willi and The Poor Boys. Cost only $40 a couple for Dinner and Dance. Advance tickets are available – call Ross Covert at 448-3196 and get your ticket soon.

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For the seventh year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies of the Health Care Facilities with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters. To date this campaign has raised **$19,561.00**. The proceeds will assist the Foundation to pay off the $1,155,000 capital loan on the Health Care Facilities.

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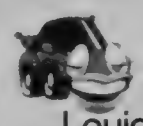

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Mel Smith

VIEWS: December snow and low temps may have hit us but our branch has many exciting up coming events. Here are just a few for you to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday, Dec. 8 – Darts starting at 7:30 p.m. This is a fun night and you don't have to join a league to play. We are always interested in new players joining us. Come out and have some fun!

Thursday, Dec. 9 – Euchre starting at 11 p.m. at our branch. Harcourt Community Centre is having their Euchre Christmas Night starting at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 – Meat Draw starting at 3 p.m. sharp.

These are just a few fun things your local Legion has to offer to kick off the beginning of December. There will be more news next week.

Sick Call: As most of us have heard Bob Anderson is recovering from one broken leg broken in two places, not two broken legs, just to keep the story straight. Get well soon, Bob!

Lest We Forget: It is with great sadness that we extend sincere sympathy to Luann Spada and John Bower on the loss of Luann's father Lou Moody. Lou passed away in the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 30 after a long battle with cancer.

Some time ago I talked to Lou about his experiences during the war. For Lou, it was a very painful thing for him to discuss however, there were some things Lou was happy to share. Lou's full name was Louis Arthur Moody and he was born in Niagara Falls, Ont. During his lifetime, Lou was fortunate to meet two gals who captured his heart. His first wife was Freida Illeen Walters and second was Dorothy Jane Dunlop.

Lou was blessed with five children: Fredrick Wayne, Richard Louis, Robert Allan, Gary Daniel and Luann Spada. Lou was further blessed with nine grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Lou was predeceased by his infant son Wayne.

In the early 40s, while living in Welland, Lou, at the young age of 17, decided he would join the army. He was trained in Brantford and Camp Borden and it was from Nova Scotia he was shipped out. During the war, Lou was stationed in England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. During this time he gained the rank of Lance Corp.

In June 1946 Lou finally came home. He had remained in Europe for the year immediately following the war as a Peacekeeper.

It was in 1994 that Lou first came to the Harcourt area. He purchased a trailer at Pine Grove Point on Benoir Lake. That is where I first met Lou and Luann. Through out the years since, Lou has become well known and well respected at Branch 624. He held a position on Branch 624's Executive.

This World War 11 Veteran of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry may no longer be with us in person; however, his spirit will remain always with us. On Dec. 12, 2004 at 3 p.m. Branch 624 welcomes friends and relatives to attend a special occasion in Lou's memory. Please come out and join us.

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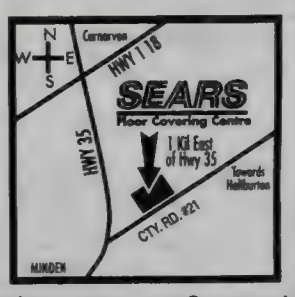

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CURRENT EVENTS

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• **Dec. 8:** Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at Win Yeung's in Haliburton. This lunch begins at 12 noon. To reserve please call Aileen Bruce at 457-3375. Wheels to Meals are available to seniors over the age of 55 or to physically disabled adults throughout Haliburton County. Please note: Haliburton County Home Support Services has new office hours beginning on December 6. Home Support will now be open at 8:30 a.m. and will close at 4:30 p.m.

• **Dec. 8:** The Ontario Early Years Centre is offering a FREE Wilberforce Cooking Corner program on Wed., Dec. 8th. Held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre from 10 a.m – 12 p.m. Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.

• **Dec. 8:** The Algonquin Highlands Writing Circle, which meets on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month at Club 35 in Halls Lake, is sponsoring the first annual "Writers' Christmas" dinner and readings on Dec. 8 at Heather Lodge. Enjoy Christmas writings along with a glass of wine and a traditional turkey dinner. Tickets (pre-purchase only) may be obtained from Kay Millard at 286-6635. Further info, including a request to read, may be obtained from Brenda Peddigrew at 489-3509.

• **Dec. 9:** St. George's, Haliburton – St. George's Cantata Choir and Readers present "A Christmas Festival" of Readings and Carols. Dec. 9th, 7:30 p.m. Proceeds for the 4Cs. For cost and info call 457-2074.

• **Dec. 10:** Join Home Support and Wheels to Meals at Martin Wood Resort in Harcourt. Luncheon begins at 12 noon. To reserve please call Eileen Knox at 448-2596.

• **Dec. 11:** Gooderham Community Christmas Dinner Sat., Dec. 11 at 6:00 at the Community Centre. Only 60 tickets to be sold. May be purchased at the Post Office or call Ron at 447-3092 or Elva at 447-2977. Sponsored by the Gooderham Community Action Group.

• **Dec. 12:** Festival of Lessons & Carols, Sunday, Dec. 12th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Minden. St. Paul's Choir, Guest Organist Elaine Bell, Highlands Brass Quintet. Refreshments following.

• **Dec. 12:** St. George's, Haliburton – St. George's Sunday School will present a Christmas program during the morning service, Dec. 12 at 9:30 a.m. All welcome.

• **Dec. 12:** (Advent III - Joy). White Gift Sunday at Zion & Minden United Churches. Food & monetary contributions will be accepted at our morning worship service, to support the local Christmas Baskets and the Food Bank. Lessons and Carols Service at 10 a.m. presented by the Maple Lake United Church Choir. Family Christmas Carol Sing-along at 7 p.m. at Minden United Church. Everyone from the community is invited to bring their family & enjoy an hour of Christmas Caroling & fellowship.

• **Dec. 15:** The Ontario Early Years Centre, is offering a FREE Wilberforce Cooking Corner program on Wed., Dec. 15th. Held at Lloyd Watson Community Centre from 10 a.m – 12 p.m. Call the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989 to register.

• **Dec. 16:** Ontario Early Years Centre, Minden – Christmas Party & Potluck Lunch, Thurs., Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for Christmas crafts, music circle and a visit from Santa Claus! Please bring a wrapped gift (under $10) for your child. Please sign up for the potluck lunch, OEYC will provide the ham and beverages. Call 286-1770.

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• **Women's Basketball** takes place on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. in the Highschool gym. Players of all skill levels are welcome. For more info call Emma at 457-2506.

• **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636,** Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except for the months of January and February.

• **Do you enjoy euchre, bridge, and other card games?** Come to the Card Night at the Fort Irwin's Residents' Assoc. Hall (FIRA) on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. For info call Ken Fuller at 754-3699.

• **Now until May/05:** The Heart & Stroke Walking Clubs are ongoing at Archie Stouffer P.S. in Minden and at Haliburton District High School in Haliburton, every school day, from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. Keep fit and keep your heart healthy.

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• **Haliburton County Home Support** is once again running an Aquasize Program. Please call Ida at 457-2941 for more info.

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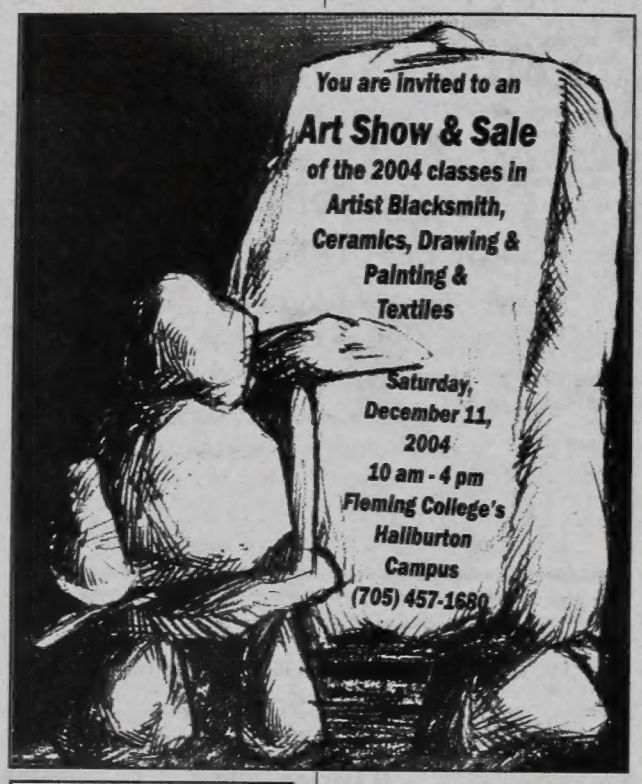

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Sale at
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Sale features: Antiques, and collectibles, Limited Edition Prints, Coins, Limoges China, Furniture, Christmas Items, Electronics and more. Please visit us at www.switzersauction.com for updated listings and selected photo's. **Paul Switzer Auctioneer/Appraiser, (613) 332–5581. We are always interested in your quality consignments. We offer heated storage facilities from $85. per month.**
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(Watch for Signs).
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350 WEDDINGS/ ANNIVERSARIES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE PAULINE HALADAY, deceased.
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of ALICE PAULINE HALADAY, late of the township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 8th day of September, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 21st day of December, 2004.
AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Estate Trustee/Executor for the Estate being Lloyd Gowie, shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 17th day of November, 2004 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0.
Solicitors for the Estate Trustee of the Estate of Alice Pauline Haladay.
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440 THANK YOU

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU to everyone who helped in so many ways, during the illness and passing of **DEL GALVIN.** All the assistance with transportation, the visits, the cards, the flowers, the food, the donations to the Cancer Society and Haliburton Health Services and the genuine kindness and love from all our friends was greatly appreciated. A special thank you to the staff at Huntsville and Haliburton Hospitals, The Haliburton Community Funeral Home and to Dr. Ferracuti. Thank you to Rev. Harry Morgan, Jan Shipley and Susan Griffiths for a beautiful service and words of comfort. Thank you to the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary for the delicious luncheon. Everyones kindness and support will long be remembered. **Ethel Galvin and Family.**

The Family of FREDERICK PARKER, would like to extend their many thanks to all who helped us with his recent passing. Your thoughts, prayers and generous donations, are much appreciated. **The Parker Family.**

The family of the late EMILY MARY COULTER would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely floral tributes, donations, sympathy cards, gifts of food, and visits following the death of our dear mother (grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, sister-in-law). Special thanks to the Mangan Funeral Home for their tender compassion, comforting words and acts of kindness. Our thanks to the Rev. Sharon Towne whose words lessened the pain a little and to all the ladies of St. Thomas ACW for the lovely lunch and also to Mr. Jack Lewis for fulfilling Emily's last wish by singing at the service.

450 IN MEMORIAM

BILLINGS, NORA – In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother who passed away November 16, 2001.
God took her home,
It was his will.
But in our hearts
She liveth still.
Love always **All the Family.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

BIRD, DIANNE – In loving memory of a dear daughter who slipped away from this world Dec. 11th, 2003.
I often lay awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
And take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon my cheeks.
The happy years I had with you
Are worth their weight in gold
The joy and laughter you gave me
Are mine to have and hold.
Remembering you is easy
I do it every day.
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.
I hold you close within my heart
And there you will remain
To walk with me throughout my life
Until we meet again.
Lots of Love – **Mom.**

BIRD, DIANNE – In loving memory of my precious Sister Dianne who was taken from us December 11, 2003.
Dear God:
Somehow I took for granted, Lord
That we would have a lifetime to live
I guess I didn't hear you Lord,
When you said "This one can't stay"
I know my Sister is an Angel now
But my heart is aching so
I'm sorry I wasn't ready Lord
To let my Sister go
There wasn't a call to say Goodbye
There was no final words
Lord please hold my Sister close to you
And watch over her for me
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memory will always last
And until we meet again Sis
May God hold you in the palm of his hands.
Sis, I promise to love you beyond all time and all words.
Love Always, **Penny, Larry, & David.**

BURK, NORMA J. – In loving memory of Mom/Nana Norma J. Burk, Dec. 6/03
Your life on this earth seemed so short, for those you left behind.
We had no control, it was in God's court, as he took you from the line.
You touched our hearts in so many ways, and kept us close to you.
We smile, we cry, we remember days, and wish you were here too.
We miss your love and laughter, as you gave it to the end.
You were the best wife, mother, sister, nana and a friend.
I am trying hard to fill your role and look after those you love,
But sometimes it takes its toll, as I look to you above.
Life does go on, so we are told and yes we know it's true,
Forgive us for being bold, cause all we feel is blue.
We know you're in a better place, free from all suffering and pain,
Before we sleep, we picture your face and cry whenever it rains,
We know someday we will meet again and no, there will be no other,
To take your place in this world as special as you mother.
Loved, missed, and always in our hearts. Till we meet again. **Love your kids.**

BURK, NORMA – In loving memory of my wife Norma who passed away Dec. 6, 2003.
Though her smile is gone forever
And her hand I cannot touch
Still I have so many memories
Of the one I loved so much.
Her memory is my keepsake
With which I'll never part
God has her in his keeping
I have her in my heart.
Miss you so much – **Neil.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

COWAN, MARILYN – December 11, 2002.
One seed can start a garden,
one smile can lift a spirit.
One candle can light a room,
one conversation can start a friendship.
One step can begin a journey,
one heart can love many ...
One person can make all the difference –
that one was you.
We are so lucky and thankful to have had you
in our lives. You are greatly missed.
With Love, **Brian & Darlene Madill, Tracy, Teresa & Andy.**

COWAN, MARILYN – In memory of a wonderful caring wife, mother and grandma who passed away December 11, 2002.
Our lives go on without you
And nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartaches
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent are the tears that fall.
Living our lives without you
Is the hardest part of all.
You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you.
The special times will not return
When we were all together,
But with the love that's in our hearts
You will walk with us forever.
Missing you and loving you always.
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Paul & Kim, Lauren, Adam, Jeff & Hilary
Chris & Kim, Brady & Paige.
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JOHNSTON, GLEN – In loving memory of a dear brother Glen Michael who passed away suddenly Dec. 5, 1989 in his 34th year.
Memories are treasures
No one can steal
Death is a heartache,
Nothing can heal,
May the winds of love
Blow softly on the spot
Where the one we love lies sleeping,
And will never be forgot.
Deeply loved and sadly missed, **sister Carolyn, Brad, Mike and Jason.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
GRENVILLE LLOYD ALLEN SHOLER
Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday, December 1, 2004.
In his 73rd year.
Beloved husband of the late Christine "Chrissie" Sholer (nee Johnston). Dear brother of Doreen and her husband Edwin Hodgins of Haliburton. Predeceased by his brothers Oliver, Ray, Earl, Floyd and Murray. Fondly remembered by his nieces Barbara (Bill) Burke, Darlene (Dale) McConnell, Linda Lee (Derrick) Cowen; by his nephew David Hodgins (Amy Blanchard); by his great nieces Michelle Cowen, Morgan Burke, Elizabeth Burke; by his great nephews Devan McConnell, Shawn Burke (Anita), Darcy Burke (Donna), Johnathon Hodgins and Aaron Cowen. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton on Thursday, December 2, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held at the Church on Friday, December 3, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. Interment at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. Reception followed back at the church (downstairs). Memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden (286–2181).
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BAKER, LLOYD "Buck" (Veteran WWII Infantry) – At Extendicare-Haliburton on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 in his 83rd year. Beloved father of Sally (Richard) Biagi of Scarborough. Dear grandfather of Anthony and Jason Biagi. Loving great grandfather of Michael, Ryan, Aidan, Heather, Jenna, and Jordan. Survived by his sister Hazel Whittaker of Minden. Predeceased by sisters Jessie, Viola, and brother Carm. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario 457–9209 on Friday evening, December 3, 2004 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at 1 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. *"Known and loved by many".*
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MOODY, LOUIS (Lou) (WWII Royal Hamilton Light Infantry) – Peacefully after a long and courageous battle with cancer at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 in his 80th year. Loving father of Richard (Pat), Robert, and Gary (Kathy) Moody and Luann Spada (John Bower). Beloved Grandfather of nine grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Predeceased by infant son Wayne. Sadly missed by his fellow comrades of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624, Wilberforce, Ontario. A memorial Service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 624, Wilberforce, Ontario on Sunday afternoon December 12, 2004 at 3 o'clock. Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457–9209. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.
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